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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 22, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARCUS J. MOLINARO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT TRIPLE-NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address an issue that impacts nearly 200,000 women each year. Triple-negative breast cancer, or TNBC, makes up 15 percent of invasive breast cancer cases in the United States. Unfortunately, this deadly disease often fails to show up on scans or even in biopsies.

This form of breast cancer can spread quickly. Sadly, because of the nature of the cancer cells involved, there are fewer treatment options available compared to the other forms of cancer that many patients face.

Studies have shown a geographic link to contracting TNBC, and 3 out of every 1,000 women in Pennsylvania will contract this form of breast cancer each year. That is why it is so critical that we raise awareness for this disease and encourage women to be screened, as catching this disease early can significantly improve patient outcomes.

Even if you are feeling well, talk with your doctor about being screened for cancer. These procedures are often noninvasive and can make the difference in your family and in your life.

Together, we can raise awareness and fight against deadly diseases like triple-negative breast cancer that claim far too many American lives.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as we Celebrate National Agriculture Day, we recognize the farmers, growers, and producers that work to feed our families and provide our children with nutrient-rich foods that they so desperately need.

Dairy farmers in central Pennsylvania work hard to provide dairy products like milk, cheese, and yogurt that are essential to childhood and adolescent development. Bones, muscle, brain, and vital organs all rely on products like whole milk for healthy development—the whole milk that cannot be replicated by inadequate limitations that are found in plants and nuts.

Our students deserve better than these fraudulent products, and we cannot allow almonds or soy to be passed off as dairy to American families.

It is time to ensure that whole milk is once again available in every school cafeteria. It is time to pass legislation like the DAIRY PRIDE Act and the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act that

will support families, support the growth of students, and support our dairy farmers.

PEOPLE OVER POLITICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LIEU) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, last term, when Democrats were in control, we put people over politics and passed a bipartisan infrastructure law to rebuild your roads, bridges, and highways; to take lead out of water pipes; and to put broadband internet everywhere, from rural areas to cities, suburbs, and everywhere in between.

This year, when Republicans took control of the House, what did they do? They spent the enormous resources of their committee staff and the time and attention of their Members to hold not one but two hearings complaining about Twitter. They also took turns reading the United States Constitution on the House floor.

How does that help you, the American people? It doesn't. But it is worse than that.

Republicans are actually trying now to pass extreme bills that are going to actively harm American families. This week, we are going to vote on a bill that is going to make it easier for books to be banned at schools. It is also going to violate the privacy rights of students. If your child, unfortunately, has an eating disorder or is cyberbullied or is harassed or bullied, that information is going to have to be posted on a public website that the school has. Every other student and every parent is going to know that this is happening at the school. That is an outrageous violation of privacy.

Let me tell you about the amendments that Republicans rejected when Democrats tried to make this extreme bill better. Here are some amendments the Republicans rejected.

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Republicans voted no on an amendment to remove lead pipes from schools.

Republicans voted no on an amendment to ensure kids had access to healthy meals.

Republicans voted no on an amendment to help keep firearms out of schools.

Republicans voted no on an amendment to prevent schools from monitoring students' menstrual cycles.

Republicans also voted no on an amendment to prevent the censorship of the teaching of the Holocaust.

This extreme bill is going to do horrible things to students' privacy, and it is going to increase books that are banned at schools.

In addition to doing stupid stuff and trying to pass extreme bills, Republicans have now gone on a rampage about what the Manhattan district attorney is doing without even knowing what the purported charges are or what the grand jury evidence is.

What if the evidence is overwhelming? What if it is rock solid that an American by the name of Donald Trump committed crimes? How do Republicans know? They don't.

Do you know what else they cannot explain? When Trump's former attorney, Michael Cohen, was arrested, indicted, convicted, and went to prison for participating in an illegal hush money payment scheme to Stormy Daniels, not a single Republican leader complaining now said a thing about what happened to Michael Cohen.

They cannot explain why they are holding Donald Trump to a different standard. Michael Cohen served prison time for participating in an illegal hush money payment scheme to Stormy Daniels.

In America, we should apply the same standard to all Americans. No one is above the law—not the former President's enablers, not the former President's attorneys, and not the former President himself.

Let's let law enforcement do their work. Let's let the judicial process do its work. Let's wait to see if there are going to be any charges, what those charges may be, and what the evidence is.

A jury or judge will get to hear this evidence, and the American people will see it. The prosecution will have to show beyond a reasonable doubt what their evidence is.

Let me conclude with this: Every American, including Donald Trump, is entitled to the presumption of innocence in a court of law, and that presumption will also be applied.

Let's apply the law equally, the way our Founders wanted it to be done.

SUPPORTING THE BERING RIVER COALFIELD ACQUISITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the commitment of the United States Forest Service to see through the protection of the Bering River coalfield in Alaska.

According to the Forest Service, the Copper River watershed, in which the Bering River lies, is one of the largest and most biologically intact places on Earth.

Mineral rights to the Bering River coalfield are currently owned by a Korean company, which means almost 12,000 acres of coalfields in the Copper River watershed remain vulnerable to mining.

Coal from the Bering River has no value in the U.S. coal market. We have plenty in the lower 48. An extraction would only serve to benefit the Asian markets at the cost of decimating one of the few untouched places left in America. The current owner of the mineral rights expressed that they are willing to sell the rights, and the bid for appraisal opened last week.

It is my hope that we are approaching the finish line of the conservation of the Bering River, an effort that has been ongoing for 100 years. Forty-six conservation organizations have voiced their support for the protection of this invaluable natural resource.

If a purchase of the Bering River coalfield is successful, all future generations of American sportsmen and -women and outdoor recreationists can experience the magnificent wild country the way it emerged from our creator.

I will take a brief moment to thank the late Representative Don Young from Alaska for his help and support of this issue to get it to this point.

I also thank the Exxon Valdez trust for extending a boundary so that money could be leveraged to help set aside for future generations this important national asset.

IGNITING CULTURE WARS AT THE EXPENSE OF TRANS LIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. ROBERT GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in both sadness and anger.

I know how painful life can be as an openly gay person. Like so many in our community, I have also experienced harassment because of who I am, but these challenges pale in comparison to the onslaught of attacks against the trans community in this country today.

House Republicans attack trans people as threats to kids, religious liberty, and our local schools, but that just isn't true. The true threats are the discriminatory proposals against trans Americans that are being made in chambers and statehouses across the country.

Sports bans, bathroom bills, and healthcare restrictions demonize and

dehumanize trans people. With higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide, these bills literally mean the difference between life and death for so many in this community, but many in this Chamber don't seem to care.

It is part of a plan to ignite culture wars at the expense of trans lives. As an immigrant embraced by this country, I believe that being a true patriot means advocating for all of our people across the country. That is why I will do everything in my power to ensure and safeguard the rights of all Americans, and that includes our transgender community.

The trans community has been at the front lines of the struggle for justice and equality. Please know that we will be there right beside you, fighting against these cruel and un-American attacks.

Trans rights are human rights. We will continue to fight until we win.

RECOGNIZING CAL STATE LONG BEACH'S 50TH ANNUAL POWWOW

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cal State Long Beach's 50th annual powwow. Specifically, I recognize the First Nations and first stewards of the land where this event is held every single year.

The Cal State Long Beach powwow is the longest running and largest social celebration west of the Mississippi River honoring Native and indigenous peoples.

I had the pleasure of attending this event just recently and was incredibly impressed by the skill and love shared with this community event. This year's celebration was especially important. It was the first time it was held since the pandemic.

Established by American Indian students in 1969, the powwow includes Native dancers from across the State, the Pacific Northwest, and even parts of Canada.

Events like this are important to highlight our Native American culture and presence within our country. It also serves to educate and develop the next generation of Native American leaders while bringing Tribes together to highlight art and unity.

In commemoration of the 50 years of the powwow, we congratulate and thank Cal State Long Beach.

HONORING INFLUENTIAL ARTIST DAVE VAN PATTEN

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support art in all its mediums. From paint to dance to music to story writing, our lives are enriched with the appreciation of the arts.

Today, I rise to recognize someone who has been an amazing and influential artist in the city of Long Beach, and that is Dave Van Patten.

Just last month, Dave topped his tremendous career by winning a Grammy for his work as artistic director of the box set album of Grateful Dead concerts titled: "In and Out of the Garden."

Dave Van Patten's work is iconic. You can see it all across the city of Long Beach, the city of Bellflower, and across the State and beyond. His ability to blend surrealism with comic book designs makes him a unique artist with a distinctive style across southern California. I am honored to know Dave. He is a constituent. He is a friend, and amazing artist transforming people's lives.

Dave, congratulations.

□ 1215

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was National Agriculture Day, a day to celebrate the contributions of America's farmers, growers, and ranchers.

These hardworking men and women provide our families with the food, fuel, and fiber we need each and every day. According to the USDA, the agriculture sector contributed nearly \$1.3 trillion to our GDP in 2021 and accounted for a tenth of all U.S. employment.

My district in southern Illinois is home to more than 10,000 producers, and one of the most diverse agricultural districts in the region.

In addition to corn and soybean, southern Illinois produces rice, specialty crops, livestock, dairy, wine, and more than one-half of the horseradish in the United States.

But these aren't easy jobs. Farmers are often at the mercy of the weather and other factors well beyond their control.

As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I believe that the new farm bill provides us a critical opportunity to put farmers first and support programs like crop insurance to strengthen our food security.

I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 235 designating March 21, 2023, as National Agriculture Day, and I will continue to fight for our southern Illinois farming families every day that I serve in Congress.

WORLD WATER DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, on World Water Day, I rise on behalf of every American who lacks access to the most basic necessity of human survival.

Mr. Speaker, 4 years ago, 15,000 households in Newark, New Jersey, were forced to rely on bottled water due to the lead in the city's supply. As lead contamination levels approached record highs, residents of my State's largest city were forced to reckon with the reality that access to safe drinking water would not be and could not be taken for granted.

I am grateful that Newark has since replaced nearly all of its lead pipes, and their residents can once again trust that their tap water is safe to drink.

In fact, had this emergency been unique to one city at one time, I probably wouldn't have been compelled to speak here today.

However, the year after Newark put an end to its emergency, infrastructure failures in Jackson, Mississippi, cut off residents' access to safe water. Mississippi's capital city still lacks the resources to support residents in need.

Let me be clear. This is not a Newark crisis or a Jackson crisis, or for that matter, even a Flint, Michigan, crisis. It is an American crisis.

Due to climate change, outdated infrastructure, and systemic disinvestment in our most vulnerable communities, millions of Americans risk losing access to water.

As the wealthiest Nation on Earth, we have the resources—not to mention the moral imperative—to change that situation. Safe, clean water is a human right. If we continue to ignore the water crisis, communities across the country will face dire consequences for their health, safety, and well-being.

Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the WATER Act because the time to act is now. In addressing water scarcity, we must revitalize our failing infrastructure, remove dangerous contaminants from our water supplies, and reinvest in the communities that have been hit hardest by decades of privatization and austerity. The WATER Act tackles the crisis on all three fronts.

My legislation would provide \$35 billion annually to modernize our Nation's water and sewer infrastructure. Cities like Newark are not outliers. Lead pipes are used in every single State. By overhauling our infrastructure, we can remove these dangerous components and eliminate the threat of lead contamination.

My legislation would also clean up other contaminants, as well, including PFAS, "forever chemicals." New Jersey has some of the highest PFAS levels in the country and Black, Brown, and low-income communities suffer disproportionately from this contamination.

Everyone, regardless of their race, their income, or their ZIP Code deserves reliable water access. That is why, in addition to cleaning up contamination, my legislation will provide grants to low-income communities to stop water shutoffs due to unaffordable bills.

With these long-overdue investments, we can prevent further water shortages, protect our current supply, and make emergencies like those in Flint, Jackson, and Newark a thing of the past.

Water is the essence of human life, and as public servants, we must ensure that every family in every community has reliable access to it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Chamber to take up the WATER Act and pass it without delay.

PUBLIC SCHOOL RADICAL GENDER IDEOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about an extremely important topic that is very current and very disturbing in our Nation, in our Nation's schools, and the relationship of parents and their kids.

Mr. Speaker, during the COVID lockdowns, schools were closed, and much of the learning was conducted online, except for those courageous schools that did manage to stay open and teach their kids the normal way.

During this time, parents gained a valuable opportunity to see firsthand what their children were being taught in public schools, and in some cases, what is in their libraries.

What they found was very shocking to them. We heard a conversation a bit earlier about, Oh, this is banning books.

If you see the content that is in some of the books, some of the so-called educational materials, it is really nothing short of pornography that is being allowed to be in there.

Mr. Speaker, when did it become okay for kids to be subject to that kind of material or the performances that are being brought to their libraries under the guise of openness where it wouldn't be really any different than what is going on in a strip club?

You would get in big trouble should you take your kid to one of those. How is that allowed to be normalized these days?

Rather than teaching children the skills that they need and the knowledge to become successful adults, these activists, whether it is teachers, counselors, superintendents, they are filling their heads with this woke far-left propaganda and pushing radical gender ideology on children as young as elementary age.

In response to the backlash, teachers and public school administrators have attempted to keep this indoctrination and these agendas secret from their parents. Unbelievable.

This included helping encourage students to keep secrets from their parents, hiding their lesson plans and curriculums, trying to ban recording in the classroom, obfuscating what materials are being shown to students, and shutting down parents who spoke out at public school meetings when they heard about this, even so far as having the U.S. Department of Justice refer to them as terrorists.

They asserted time and again that parents did not have the right to be involved in their children's education. They claimed that once children walked through the schoolhouse door, those children belonged to the State.

What is that? Where are the echoes of that coming from?

In 2021, parents across the country revolted at school board meetings and

gathered to make their concerns heard in free assembly, a First Amendment protection.

In Loudoun County, Virginia, a father of a young girl who had been assaulted by a biological male was arrested for speaking out against the school board's decision to hide the perpetrator's history of assault against young girls. That decision put his innocent daughter and countless other students at risk.

In my own district in Northern California, a school district was caught secretly changing a young girl's name and pronouns and even encouraging that something was wrong with her body—she was in the wrong body—filling her head with falsehoods. The counselor who encouraged this activity allegedly manipulated the young girl to keep her transitioning secret from her own mother.

In both cases, parents rightfully pushed back against these assiduous attempts of public schools to force woke gender ideology on their children.

Unfortunately, parents across the country have been met with State force when they have tried to assert their rightful place as the supreme authority in their children's lives.

The Department of Justice infamously circulated a memo calling parents who exercise these rights as “domestic terrorists.”

As Americans gradually become aware of the rotten corruption that permeates so much of our public school system, it became clear that Congressional Republicans needed to take action to support parents across the Nation and enshrine protections against government retaliation.

Last Congress, I introduced two bills: one that prohibits doctors from performing gender reassignment surgeries on minors and another allowed victims of these life-altering procedures to sue those who pushed these surgeries on them as minors.

These permanent, life-altering surgeries are being forced onto vulnerable children by radical activists. Mutilating a child's body is not medicine. It is not science. It is not affirming, nor is it care.

As we have seen in the recent exposure of the inside workings of a Missouri clinic, children manipulated into undertaking these surgeries are not informed about the life-altering damage being done to their bodies. They are being rushed through the process, and in the worst cases are outright lied to by the people who are somehow going to make their lives better or more in order, and that they know better who should be taking care of them instead of their parents when this harm is being caused.

Doing this to a child is immoral, and it should be punished with the full force of the law. Children whose lives are permanently altered due to these surgeries should be allowed to sue for damages and put parents back at their rightful place, their God-given right to

oversee their children's education, their well-being, their health, and their bodies.

OUR NATION'S SMALL COMMUNITY BANKS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to defend our community banks. For decades, we have had leftwing, out-of-control Federal administrations that have been hammering on our community banks to put them out of business. You take Sarbanes-Oxley, Dodd-Frank, or the Federal agencies who have been regulating and regulating these small community banks to the point where they either have to sell, close up, or worst, being taken over.

You see, these community banks, they are the lifeblood of small businesses, and small businesses, they are the backbone to this economy.

These community banks, they are a part of our community. They are out there in your civic and social organizations leading. Their kids go to school with your kids. They are out there on the ball fields helping coach. They are even going to church with you on Sunday.

You see, they have a vital interest in seeing the community succeed. That way they succeed. Yet, now we have this extra-woke, leftwing administration that has decided to pick winners and losers and take a different tactic.

The tactic they are taking now is to try to scare the consumer to where they will take their deposits from the community bank and move it over to one of the big banks, to where they can achieve that Big Government, be all, end all for every need and everything you ever need, and that is not America.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I wouldn't be standing here, and I wouldn't be where I am today, if it weren't for my community bank.

So I have two things, Mr. Speaker: Federal Government get off the backs of these community banks. Take your leftwing ideology somewhere else.

To my fellow Americans out there: Continue to support your community bank out there. Continue to do business with them.

□ 1230

RECOGNIZING FLAU'JAE JOHNSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Flau'jae Johnson, a Savannah native and member of the LSU women's basketball team.

Flau'jae was recently named the SEC Freshman of the Year and was also selected to the 2023 SEC All-Freshman Team. She is the fourth LSU player to earn SEC Freshman of the Year honors, the first since 2009.

Flau'jae came to LSU as a highly talented freshman ranked as the No. 26 player in the Nation. She made an immediate impact in Baton Rouge, scoring 11.6 points per game and bringing down 5.9 rebounds per game. She was named SEC Freshman of the Week three times.

In her collegiate debut, she scored 14 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. She also recorded two assists, two blocks, and one steal. Through her first week of college basketball, Flau'jae scored in double figures all three games.

I congratulate Flau'jae on all of her success so far. We are excited to see everything that she will achieve.

RECOGNIZING NAT LEGREE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nat Legree for his retirement from Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

For the last 42 years, Nat has been a fixture at Wesley Monumental for his constant service to the church. Most of his work was behind the scenes but certainly did not go unnoticed as he helped prepare Wesley for worship, study, and fellowship week after week for many decades.

Nat oversaw the grounds and in recent years was responsible for maintaining the beautiful garden at Oliver Hall. Nat's dedication to his church community is admirable and has helped create a wonderful, welcoming environment for many. Wesley Monumental Church will never be the same without Nat.

On behalf of the Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church family, we are grateful to Nat for all that he has given to our church.

RECOGNIZING BART DAVIS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bart Davis, who was named the 2023 Georgia Farmer of the Year at this year's Georgia Ag Forecast.

Bart began farming 41 years ago in Doerun, Georgia, following the loss of his mother and father during his senior year of high school. Since then, he has grown the then 500-acre operation to encompass 5,000 acres. Today, he focuses on cotton, peanuts, and corn, while also managing a cattle operation.

Bart has made impressive strides in using precision agriculture technology to ensure the efficiency of his farm, including the use of soil moisture sensors and irrigation in the majority of his fields.

In addition to the work on his own farm, he has given back in various industry leadership roles. He has served on the Georgia Cotton Commission Board, the Georgia Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the National Cotton Council, and represents Georgia on Southern Cotton Growers and Cotton Incorporated.

I thank Bart for his continued dedication to his farm and to the agricultural industry.

RECOGNIZING TOM FANNING AND CHRIS WOMACK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Fanning and Chris Womack of the Southern Company.

Tom is the current chairman of the board, CEO, and president of Southern Company. For more than 42 years, Tom's excellent leadership has helped mold Southern Company into the great company it is today. I thank Tom for his decades of service to Southern Company and the First District of Georgia.

On March 31, 2023, Chris Womack will become chairman of the board, CEO, and president of Southern Company. Chris currently serves as chairman, president, and CEO of Georgia Power. Prior to those positions, Chris worked for former Congressman Leon Panetta.

I congratulate Chris and wish him well as he prepares to lead Southern Company.

IN DEFENSE OF PARENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of parents who have the right to guide their child's education and to know what is being taught in the classroom.

This body will soon vote on a great piece of legislation, H.R. 5, the Parental Bill of Rights. This bill puts parents in the driver's seat and makes students the priority, not bureaucrats or administrators.

It is hard to imagine who would fight against parental rights and school choice, but just the other day, Democratic legislators in my home State of Georgia were trying to stop several successful bills that expand education options for families.

Shockingly, their reasoning was that low-income families are too uneducated and poor to have a say over their own children's schooling.

If you don't believe me, here are the exact words of Georgia's 67th House District Representative just last week: "... they," meaning the parents, "are already in the lower 25th percentile, meaning a lot of those parents did not finish high school, cannot direct, and could not finish their own education."

She continues: "I am extremely concerned that we would put money in their hands, that entire piece of life in the hands of parents who are not qualified to make those decisions."

Well, I think that is nonsense. The vast majority of Americans—moms and dads and teachers and students—know that is nonsense.

History is littered by governments who thought they knew better, and that people and parents did not know better, much to the detriment of that culture and the ultimate failure of that government.

That is why I am offering two amendments to the Parental Bill of Rights.

The first one establishes the right of parents to be informed about, and consent to, participation in any non-curriculum events or activities.

We already do this for things that government schools deem important like field trips, gifted programs, individual education plans, and free and reduced lunches. I believe that parents' rights do not end at the discretion of the administration.

Unfortunately, in recent years, some school systems have used the classroom as a bully pulpit to push social engineering instead of learning environments. This is not a partisan issue, and this has got to stop. The way it stops is keeping parents informed of what happens at school.

My other amendment guarantees parents the opportunity to address their school boards regarding any violation of their rights. As we have seen too often across the country, concerned moms and dads have been silenced, thrown out, or threatened when standing up for their children. This is unacceptable.

Families need accountability in their schools and a place to make their voices heard. Fortunately, from Georgia to Virginia, from Texas to Idaho, and yes, even from California to New York, we are beginning to put students over systems and the people over a government, just like the Constitution intended.

This revolution of school choice and parental rights will help millions of families across America, and we are just getting started.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Hear the cries of Your people, O Lord.

Out of the depths of their suffering, hear their voices, pleading for rescue from the hands of their tormentors for an end to the violence they endure from the hands of their oppressors and relief from the poverty they experience in both body and spirit.

Let Your ears be attentive to the pleas that rise to You from across the globe from the innocent men, women, and children who are caught in the

crossfire of the war in Ukraine and from the enemy's conscripted soldiers who are forced to fight a war that is not of their own making.

Hear the voices of those who dare to speak words of peace and reconciliation into the winds of war and silence the rhetoric of false claims to the hegemony of property and the control of Your people.

We wait for You, O Lord, to speak Your word. Countless wait on You to reach into their souls and give them reason to hope. More than those who wait in the darkness for the dawn, more than these, do we wait for Your power to redeem Your children.

In Your steadfast love, save us from ourselves and from our inequities.

In Your most holy name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 30.—An act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:

Denise A. Hibay of New York.

NATIONAL AG WEEK

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Ag Week. It is a time where America honors and gives thanks to her farmers, ranchers, and ag workers. Without their hard work, dedication, and ingenuity, our Nation would not enjoy the rich bounty of food they grow.

However, there are daunting issues that face our agricultural sector: Fuel, water supply—especially in my home State of California; although right now, we are very grateful for the massive rain—market conditions, and the trade commitments being enforced, such as the deficit we have with China.

Agriculture is essential to the economic well-being of my district, northern California, and the West.

California farmers rely on an abundance of water and low fuel prices to grow the crops we eat.

The last several years have seen fields go fallow because California's broken water management system has not been able to deliver the water that was needed.

Indeed, if we don't have the water supply, these crops that America receives so much of from California would not be grown, they would need to be imported or not have them at all.

It is in America's best interest to pursue permitting reform and unleash our domestic energy potential.

We celebrate National Ag Week in order to keep Americans working, fed, and our farmers in the fields.

HAYFIELD BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. BEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a team of high school athletes from Virginia's Eighth Congressional District.

Two weeks ago, Hayfield Secondary School's boys basketball team defeated the Patriot Pioneers to win Virginia's Class 6 basketball title for the second consecutive season.

Their hard-fought win was a testament to their collective work and to the energetic, orange-out crowd that traveled down from Fairfax to cheer them on.

Hayfield Secondary students, teachers, and administrators are the best of our future. They are diverse, brilliant, and creative. It takes the whole Hayfield community to build the past two seasons where they had a 62-1 record in addition to back-to-back State championships.

Hayfield's win reflects their courage, discipline, and excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Coach Carlos Poindexter, to everyone who made this success possible, and to the Hayfield players who brought this championship home.

Daryl Holloway, Jr., David King, Gregory Jones, Donovan Bass-Briscoe, Yohanse Awoke, Jahleel Jackson, Braelen Cage, Phenix Card, Andrew Ramirez-Novas, Owen Pottenburgh, Ryan Payne, Isiah Blue, Sean Burton, Parker Cage, Evan Sussin, Landon Judy, Jaylen Lemon, and Damarius Duncan.

Go Hawks!

AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as revealed by The Wall Street Journal on March 10:

The Pentagon's budget request seems large, but the figure is only a 3.2 percent increase, and with inflation at 6 percent it means a decline in buying power. Compare the growth to the double-digit increases for domestic accounts: 19 percent for the Environmental Protection Agency; 13.6 for both Education and Energy Departments; 11.5 percent for Health and Human Services.

Defense in 2022 was only 3 percent of GDP, down from 6 percent during the Cold War, even though America's challenges today are more numerous and acute.

Mr. Biden's largest failure is promising his budget will keep America safe instead of leveling with the public about the threats.

We should have a return of bipartisan support for defending American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to the safe haven of America.

Thank you to the Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida, for the courage to visit Kyiv, Ukraine, this week as the democracies unite against war criminal Putin.

RECOGNIZING THREE NICARAGUAN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to place in the RECORD the names of three Nicaraguan political prisoners who were among those released and sent to the United States on February 23, 2023.

Luis Carlos Valle Tinoco, Karla Vanessa Escobar Maldonado, and Yader Antonio Polanco Cisneros joined the massive protests in Nicaragua in April 2018. All were denied due process, imprisoned in deplorable conditions, and refused access to medical care as their health declined just because they disagreed with their government.

They were recognized as prisoners of conscience by the Defending Freedoms Project of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, and I was privileged to serve as their advocate.

Some Nicaraguan prisoners who arrived here are well-known leaders, but many are not. They have been stripped of their nationality, lost everything, and have a tough road ahead.

The Ortega government must be held accountable for its crimes.

SALUTE TO OUR FARMERS AND RANCHERS DURING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute our farmers and ranchers as we celebrate National Ag Week.

In Nebraska, we grow the food, fuel, and fiber we need to feed the world.

We are known as the "Cornhusker State" and the "Beef State." We are number one for cattle on feed, number two for ethanol production, and number three for corn exports.

We are home to the four largest center-pivot irrigation manufacturers who help farmers efficiently apply water resources around the globe.

These are just a few of the things that make Nebraska the number one ag State and the number one in the Nation for ag receipts per capita.

We are also home to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Daugherty Water for Food Institute, which is leading the research we need to ensure that our world's natural resources support food security for years to come.

As we celebrate National Ag Week, I would extend a heartfelt thank you to the farmers and ranchers who work hard and sacrifice each day to feed the world.

PAKISTAN DAY

(Mr. BOWMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOWMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my love and appreciation for the Pakistani-American community. I am proud to be introducing a resolution supporting a designation of March 23 as Pakistan Day.

The holiday of Pakistan Day, coming up tomorrow, marks the creation of the world's first Islamic Republic. Of course, Ramadan begins at sundown today, so I extend my best wishes for a happy Ramadan to Muslims around the world.

Pakistan Day is an opportunity for people of Pakistani heritage, wherever they live, to join with their neighbors in joy and celebration of their culture, their achievements, and their aspirations for the future. We are all enriched by this spirit.

I am deeply inspired by the contributions of Pakistani Americans who have given their brilliance to my district and our country as educators, innovators, public servants, organizers, and so much more.

Thank you to the American Pakistani Advocacy Group for your work which makes our democracy stronger.

I look forward to joining all those who will be observing Pakistan Day tomorrow, from Islamabad to Yonkers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

CONGRATULATING THE FULLERTON COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fullerton College men's basketball team on winning the California Community College Athletic Association's State championship.

The Hornets beat the City College of San Francisco Rams by a score of 83-73.

The win marks the fifth time the Hornets have brought home the State title since the school basketball team was founded in 1927.

The game was an exciting one, rounding out the team's season record to 30-1 and concluding their 25-game win streak.

On behalf of the Fullerton community and the 45th Congressional District, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Hornets for this extraordinary accomplishment.

You make us all proud.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STRONG) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCED CAPABILITIES PILLAR OF THE TRILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1093) to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1093

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCED CAPABILITIES PILLAR OF THE TRILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (in this section referred to as the “AUKUS partnership”) is intended to positively contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region through enhanced deterrence;

(2) to this end, implementation of the AUKUS partnership will require a whole-of-government review of processes and procedures for Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to benefit from such partnership and, in particular, to support joint development of advanced capabilities;

(3) the Department of State plays a pivotal role in the administration of arms exports and sales programs under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) and the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

(4) the Department of State should work in coordination with the Department of Defense and other relevant United States Government agencies to seek to expeditiously implement the AUKUS partnership; and

(5) the Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, should clearly communicate any United States requirements to address matters related to the technology security and export control measures of Australia and the United Kingdom.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on efforts of the Department of State to implement the advanced capabilities pillar of the AUKUS partnership.

(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) For each of the calendar years 2021 and 2022—

(i) the average and median times for the United States Government to review applications for licenses to export defense articles or defense services to persons, corporations, and the governments (including agencies and subdivisions of such governments, including official missions of such governments) of Australia or the United Kingdom;

(ii) the average and median times for the United States Government to review applications from Australia and the United Kingdom for foreign military sales beginning from the date Australia or the United Kingdom submitted a letter of request that resulted in a letter of acceptance with; and

(iii) the number of applications from Australia and the United Kingdom for licenses to export defense articles and defense services that were denied or approved with provisos, listed by year.

(B) For each of the fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, the number of voluntary disclosures resulting in a violation of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) enumerated under section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780) or involving proscribed countries listed in section 126.1 of the ITAR, by persons, cor-

porations, and the governments (including agencies and subdivisions of such governments, including official missions of such governments) of Australia or the United Kingdom, including information with respect to—

(i) any instance of unauthorized access to technical data or defense articles;

(ii) inadequate physical or cyber security;

(iii) retransfers or re-exports without authorization; and

(iv) employees of foreign companies that are United States persons that provide defense services without authorization.

(C) The value of any civil penalties assessed from 2017 to 2022 for disclosures or violations described in subparagraph (B) on United States applicants that involved foreign persons, foreign corporations, and foreign governments in the United Kingdom or Australia.

(D) A list of relevant United States laws, regulations, and treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party that govern authorizations to export defense articles or defense services that are required to implement the AUKUS partnership.

(E) An assessment of key recommendations the United States Government has provided to the governments of Australia and the United Kingdom to revise laws, regulations, and policies of such countries that are required to implement the AUKUS partnership.

(F) An assessment of recommended improvements to export control laws and regulations of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States that such countries should make to implement the AUKUS partnership and to otherwise meet the requirements of section 38(j)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(j)(2)), and the challenges Australia and the United Kingdom have conveyed in meeting these requirements including with respect to sensitive defense technology security controls.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as China continues its aggressive posture in the Indo-Pacific, strengthening partnerships to deter Chairman Xi are more important now than ever. I thank my good friend, Ranking Member MEEKS, for standing with me in support of this bipartisan measure.

The Australia-United Kingdom-United States partnership known as AUKUS is a long-term security pact to protect peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

The recent announcement on AUKUS implementation only addressed one piece of this partnership—cooperation on conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines, but there is much more to this partnership.

The second pillar of AUKUS is cooperation on advanced capabilities. The purpose is to collaborate on high-tech research and the application of systems, such as hypersonics, undersea capabilities, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, and much more.

This legislation focuses on ensuring the State Department is authorizing technology transfers quickly to fully support implementation of this vital pillar.

We are facing a generational challenge from the Chinese Communist Party. We must bring all tools to bear in our effort to counter Chairman Xi's attempts to disrupt the global balance of power. With AUKUS, our three nations can achieve the shared strategic goal of defending the Indo-Pacific region while maintaining our technological and military superiority.

This bill presses the State Department to take action and account for our arms transfers with the U.K. and Australia so that we can address any hurdles and act seamlessly now and not wait for a time of crisis or even war.

For these reasons, I am proud of this bipartisan bill, which will begin to address numerous long-standing challenges in our arms exports to our closest allies and potentially serve as a roadmap for working with other close allies and partners.

I, again, thank Ranking Member MEEKS, his team, and our members for working with my staff to ensure that this bill in support of a new long-term security pact with our allies becomes a reality.

Mr. Speaker, this bill deserves our unanimous support, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman and his staff for working collectively on this bipartisan bill at this very important time. Clearly, making sure that we are working collectively together with one voice on this serious issue is of utmost importance to all of us in the United States of America.

The Biden administration, in coordination with Australia and the U.K., recently formalized the trilateral security partnership known as AUKUS, which aims to strengthen shared defense priorities in the Indo-Pacific. This new security framework represents an important step forward to the United States and the Indo-Pacific, and for strengthening our shared capabilities in the strategic competition defining our world today and for years to come.

Within this broader AUKUS agreement, Pillar 2 advances military capabilities with the intent of developing and enhancing joint capabilities between Australia, the U.K., and the United States to improve security and interoperability in the region. One aspect of this pillar is improving and synchronizing processes related to arms exports and sharing of sensitive defense technologies between participants. This includes encouraging and advising our partners on how to strengthen the regulatory frameworks to enable closer cooperation while maintaining appropriate safeguards.

H.R. 1093 requires the State Department to report to Congress on its efforts toward implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of AUKUS, including International Traffic in Arms Regulations and improvements necessary in partner country regulations to enable secure and successful implementation.

As the United States looks to build on this important shared security partnership with Australia and the United Kingdom within the AUKUS framework, I am proud, again, to co-lead this bipartisan initiative with Chairman McCaul to ensure we move forward in a meaningful way.

As we engage in strategic competition, sharing our defense technologies and capabilities in a safe, secure, and regulated manner with our partners is absolutely critical. Therefore, I encourage my colleagues, all of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McCaul. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY), my friend from HASC.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to enthusiastically support H.R. 1093, a bill that will identify key parts of our Nation's system of export controls that should be amended and expedited to achieve the goals of the new Australia-U.K.-U.S. trilateral security agreement which, as the bill states, will "contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region."

Mr. Speaker, I salute and thank Chairman McCaul, Ranking Member MEEKS, and the members and staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for moving swiftly in the wake of last week's extraordinary joint appearance of President Biden, Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, publicly revealing our three nations' commitment to a specific, executable pathway to bolster much-needed deterrence in support of an international rules-based order, which today is increasingly under stress.

Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to join these leaders on March 13 at Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego for this historic announcement. As was noted

repeatedly, it marked the first time since 1958 that the U.S. and the U.K. pledged to share critical technologies with another country.

In addition to sharing nuclear propulsion technology to recapitalize Australia's submarine fleet, the three governments also committed to sharing other security capabilities, including quantum computing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and hypersonics.

Pooling these advanced capabilities will enhance our three nations' capability to protect maritime freedom of navigation and aviation, which have been the pillars of peaceful coexistence in the commons of the seas and the skies since the end of World War II.

To achieve the goals of the AUKUS plan, it will require all three countries to use laser-like focus to remove any barriers that might occur from our system of export controls that are not aligned with this new enhanced alliance.

Admiral Harry Harris, former commander of Indo-Pacific Command and former Ambassador to South Korea, said it best at a recent House Armed Services Committee hearing on the contested environment in the Indo-Pacific: "I can't emphasize enough how important it is to get through this export control issue with Australia. We could have every good intention in the world, but it will falter if we become bound up by our own regulation and our own regulatory policy."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, this bill heeds that call by directing the State Department to inventory any and all administrative and statutory barriers to AUKUS implementation and report that back to Congress within 60 days. This is exactly what Congress needs to do.

Mr. Speaker, I will end by foot stomping the extraordinary bipartisan support that AUKUS enjoys in all three governments and was on full display last week in San Diego. Both the majority and opposition parties in the U.K. and Australia are rock solid in support of this agreement, and tonight's bill is a strong signal of bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress.

Indeed, in the last Congress, we overwhelmingly passed the first-ever congressional action related to AUKUS by authorizing Australian submariners to begin joint training at the moored training ship facility in Charleston, South Carolina, and those sailors are here today. Building on that effort, it is of utmost importance that we continue our efforts in Congress and identify opportunities to smoothly implement AUKUS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has again expired.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, as the Australian Prime Minister very well described a week ago last Monday:

A new chapter in the relationship between Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom is about to begin; a friendship built on our shared values, our commitment to democracy, and our common vision for a peaceful and prosperous future.

Mr. Speaker, that is a vision worth pursuing, and that is why I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1093 is an important bipartisan measure which requires the State Department to report to Congress on its efforts toward implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of AUKUS and improvements necessary in partner country regulations to enable secure and successful implementation.

As we look to build on and implement our shared security partnerships with Australia and the United Kingdom encapsulated within the AUKUS framework, I am proud to co-lead this bipartisan framework with Chairman McCAUL.

In this strategic competition, the most important of our era, sharing our defense technologies and capabilities in a safe, secure, and regulated manner will only make us all stronger and more united.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in support of this very important bipartisan bill. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, with AUKUS, we seek peace through strength. The previous administration laid the groundwork to collaborate with our closest allies and partners in countering China's threat to peace. Our Nation stood alongside Australia and U.K. for the launch of the AUKUS trilateral partnership in September of 2021. Now, we are prepared to best implement this important program.

Through AUKUS, we are declaring that we will not stand idly by for Chairman Xi and other autocratic leaders to dictate when and under what circumstances the strength of our resilience is to be tested.

This bipartisan measure is a commitment to our partners. The American people stand with the U.K. and Australia in preserving freedom. Together we will uphold the international rules-based order and protect and preserve the right of sovereign nations to defend themselves.

In the Indo-Pacific, we have seen how one dictator, Chairman Xi, is defying the free world and threatening the open navigation and the free flow of trade. This week, Xi met with Putin in Moscow and afterwards possibly Iran.

Chairman Xi chooses to closely partner with Russia, who launched an

unprovoked war of aggression with Ukraine, where they are committing barbaric war crimes, as I just returned from Kyiv and Bucha, where I saw the mass graves.

Mr. Putin also has a long track record of war crimes in Mali, Syria, and Central African Republic.

Xi also chooses to associate with Iran, whose Revolutionary Guard Corps is a designated foreign terrorist organization. These alliances are a clear indication that Xi does not seek peace but chooses to work with those who wish to destroy it.

Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to speak in a unified voice, as we do so often on the Foreign Affairs Committee, with my dear friend Mr. MEEKS, in support of this great AUKUS partnership. Again, this measure deserves our unanimous support.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. McCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1093.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PERIODIC REVIEWS AND UPDATED REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S TAIWAN GUIDELINES UNDER THE TAIWAN ASSURANCE ACT OF 2020

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1159) to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1159

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PERIODIC REVIEWS AND UPDATED REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S TAIWAN GUIDELINES UNDER THE TAIWAN ASSURANCE ACT OF 2020.

Section 315 of the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 134 Stat. 3100) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), by adding at the end before “; and” the following: “and any successor document or related document disseminating such guidance”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) PERIODIC REVIEWS AND UPDATED REPORTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For as long as the Department of State's guidance that governs relations with Taiwan described in sub-

section (a) remains in effect, the Secretary of State shall conduct periodic reviews as described in subsection (a) and submit updated reports as described in subsection (c) not less frequently than every two years following the submission of the initial report described in subsection (c).

“(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Such updated reports shall include—

“(A) a description of how the guidance meets the goals and objectives described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b); and

“(B) an identification of opportunities and plans to lift self-imposed restrictions on relations with Taiwan.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Taiwan assurance implementation act, my bipartisan legislation to ensure the United States engages Taiwan in a way that deepens our relationship with this important partner.

Taiwan faces an unprecedented threat from an increasingly capable and erratic People's Republic of China. Xi Jinping has said that so-called reunification with Taiwan is a core goal of his great rejuvenation campaign, and Chinese Communist Party officials have made clear that they are not afraid to use force to achieve this goal.

Mr. Speaker, our own intelligence community has assessed that the PRC is investing in military capabilities that will enable it to take Taiwan by 2027, but we do not need intelligence to tell us what we already see. The PRC is flying bombers and fighter jets into Taiwanese airspace and waters, threatening to sanction Taiwanese businesses, and harassing Taiwanese Government officials.

If we are to defeat China's plan to replace the United States as the world's preeminent power, we cannot be ruled by fear. That means boldly standing by our friends and partners, particularly Taiwan.

We must increase our economic ties, defense relationship, and political support of Taiwan's democratic system. Unfortunately, our own State Department has often unilaterally censored or restricted its engagement with Taiwan.

Hiding behind opacity and red tape hurts our partnership with Taiwan at a moment when we need to be standing shoulder to shoulder with our allies and partners. Any waffling invites bullies like Xi and Putin to push the envelope.

This is why the Taiwan Assurance Act, or TAA, was enacted with strong bipartisan support in 2020, but the threat Taiwan faces has only grown since then. This bill amends the TAA to ensure that the State Department's policy of engagement with Taiwan is appropriate to today's geopolitical challenges. We must acknowledge the growing threat Taiwan faces and help build resilience to that threat.

I was proud to introduce this bipartisan bill along with the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY), who has been an absolute champion for Taiwan for so many years.

It received unanimous support during markup by the Foreign Affairs Committee, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in strong support of H.R. 1159.

This legislation introduced by Mrs. WAGNER, the vice chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Messrs. CONNOLLY and LAWLER, House Foreign Affairs Committee members, showcases this body's steadfast, bipartisan commitment to Taiwan.

As a vibrant democracy and reliable partner of the United States of America, Taiwan has long been a force for good in promoting prosperity and development in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

Our robust and longstanding friendship is built on our shared values of democracy and good governance, strong people-to-people ties, and ever-expanding commercial and economic engagement.

When I visited Taiwan with Speaker PELOSI last year, the reception we received from the people was nothing short of incredible. We were welcomed with open arms. Thousands of people greeted us as the plane landed. More than that viewed us as our trip took its way to Taiwan.

Our trip demonstrated that Members of Congress will not be dictated to by Beijing and that we will not sit idly by as Beijing attempts to intimidate and coerce our friend.

The people of Taiwan showed us tremendous respect and affection, so much so it was in a way that I believe demonstrates their confidence that the United States Congress will continue to stand up for them.

In acknowledgment of our deep and lasting friendship, the Biden administration took concrete steps to encourage greater engagement with Taiwan. In April 2021, the State Department revised its guidelines to liberalize executive branch interactions with Taiwan counterparts in a way that is consistent with our One China policy and honors our longstanding ties to Taiwan as enshrined in the Taiwan Relations Act.

This legislation amends the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to reauthorize regular reporting on the State Depart-

ment's Taiwan contact guidelines. This bill sends a strong message that Congress stands with our friends in Taiwan, supports greater engagement, and wants to have an active part in strengthening the United States-Taiwan relationship.

As the United States and Taiwan look to further enhance our cooperation, facilitating ways to bolster our ongoing people-to-people ties is vital. Not only have our two sides benefited tremendously from our close engagement, but the world stands to benefit, as well.

Again, I congratulate Representative WAGNER, the vice chair of the committee; Mr. CONNOLLY; and Mr. LAWLER for coming up with this bipartisan bill, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY), my friend.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my dear friend, the former chair and now the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, for his leadership and friendship. I also thank my dear friend from Missouri, Congresswoman WAGNER, who has served America in many roles. I thank her for her leadership on today's legislation, a bipartisan piece of legislation that is very timely and important.

This legislation provides an update to the Taiwan Assurance Act, which I was proud to support in 2020 to underscore the importance of U.S. support for Taiwan.

The key piece of legislation Congress initiated back in 1979 is, as Chairman MEEKS indicated, the Taiwan Relations Act. It was passed when I was a young staffer in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and it originated out of that committee.

It was designed by Congress to help create unique architecture in the bilateral relationship between the United States and Taiwan. It followed immediately after normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China, and it was designed by Congress to make sure that no military solution would be available in the question of the status of Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act was designed to put forth parameters and a roadmap to govern our bilateral relationship. Central to that roadmap is Taiwan's ability to defend itself with support from the United States. That is a promise we made then, and it is a promise we must keep today.

As an increasingly aggressive China threatens its neighbors throughout the South China Sea, as if it were its own private pond, and as it encroaches on territorial waters and airspace and asserts ludicrous claims that the South China Sea is its Chinese pond, this is the time for the United States and this Congress to reassert our support, our

unequivocal support, for the right of the Taiwanese people to decide for themselves how they will manage their affairs and their relationship with Beijing.

As president of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly for the last 2 years, I was proud to partner with my colleagues in this body and on both sides of the aisle to put China on the NATO agenda for the first time in its 70-year history, believe it or not.

This is a crucial moment for the U.S.-Taiwan relationship. It requires a sober and comprehensive understanding of the challenge China can pose to the United States and its security and prosperity, as well as that of the people of Taiwan.

In this moment, our support for Taiwan, its people, and its democratic structure is paramount in the face of Chinese aggression. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Again, I thank my colleague from Missouri and the distinguished former chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee for their leadership.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time, and I am prepared to close.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1159 is an important bipartisan measure that reauthorizes regular reporting on the State Department's Taiwan contact guidelines to Congress and encourages greater engagement with our friends in Taiwan, consistent with our One China policy.

As a vibrant democracy, a force of good will, and a model for the world, Taiwan is, indeed, a key part of the Indo-Pacific region. It is vital that we find concrete ways to expand and deepen interactions at every level and work together to advance our mutual priorities based on our shared values, strong people-to-people ties, and common vision for the region.

Again, I thank Vice Chair WAGNER, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. LAWLER for coming together with this strong bipartisan bill, and I urge all of my colleagues to join us and support this very important bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, the geopolitical situation surrounding Taiwan is changing rapidly. Our relationship with Taiwan must be flexible enough to meet these new challenges.

Unfortunately, the State Department's classified Taiwan contact guidelines are often not conducive to a robust relationship with Taiwan, and Congress has little insight into the decisionmaking behind these guidelines.

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Mr. Speaker, the bottom line of this legislation is this:

H.R. 1159 would reauthorize the bipartisan Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020, strengthen its reporting requirements, and require greater transparency from the State Department.

It would ensure the United States is approaching its relationship with Taiwan in a manner that strengthens our

relationships with democratic partners who are under threat by aggressive dictatorships, and it would ask the administration to identify opportunities to lift remaining self-imposed restrictions on engagement.

Mr. Speaker, I urge each of my colleagues to support this important bipartisan bill. I thank the ranking member, Mr. MEEKS, and I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY) for joining me in supporting this unanimously out of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1159.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PROVIDING APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT NEEDED TO ENHANCE RELATIONS WITH ASEAN ACT

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 406) to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 406

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN Act” or the “PARTNER with ASEAN Act”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS.

The provisions of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) may be extended to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the same manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same conditions as such provisions may be extended to a public international organization in which the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing such participation or making an appropriation for such participation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, is of immense strategic and economic importance to the United States of America.

This powerhouse region joins the Indian and Pacific Ocean regions and serves as a conduit for global trade. Southeast Asian states are increasingly vital to the prosperity of the U.S. economy, generating hundreds of thousands of American jobs and investing more in our economy than China and India combined.

Home to one of the world's largest and youngest populations and numerous key shipping routes, ASEAN represents the future of growth in the Indo-Pacific. It is an important region that cannot be forgotten and is certainly not forgotten by the People's Republic of China.

The PRC is actively looking for ways to expand their footprint in ASEAN, whether it be through infrastructure projects, predatory lending, or police training. A growing number of Southeast Asian countries no longer believe that China's intentions are benign. Our partners are seeking assurance of U.S. support as they try to maintain economic independence from China and defend their territorial claims in the South China Sea.

To strengthen our relationship with Southeast Asian Governments and counter PRC influence, we must find ways to deepen our relationship with the ASEAN.

The United States has worked closely with ASEAN for more than four decades, and 15 years ago, we became the first nonmember to name an ambassador to ASEAN.

This bill will build on that legacy of cooperation and will enhance ties between the United States and this critical region of the world. It will accord ASEAN representatives in the United States the same diplomatic immunities we provide other regional organizations, such as the EU or the Organization of American States. This is a tangible demonstration of our commitment to that organization.

I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CASTRO). I would also thank my good friend from California, YOUNG KIM, for introducing this important bill. I have the great privilege of being co-chair and cofounder with Mr. CASTRO of the ASEAN Caucus.

I am very sorry that Mr. CASTRO is unable to join us on the floor today but want to convey our prayers and very best wishes for his full and speedy recovery, Mr. Speaker.

This bill received unanimous bipartisan support during committee mark-up and deserves our full support today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 406, the PARTNER with ASEAN Act, introduced by Mr. CASTRO and Mrs. KIM.

Of course, I join with Mrs. WAGNER in wishing Mr. CASTRO a speedy recovery and return to this body very soon.

This legislation will solidify this body's strong bipartisan commitment to deepening our longstanding cooperation with Southeast Asia and facilitate stronger people-to-people ties with this vast, diverse region.

Southeast Asia is vital to the United States national interests and strategic priorities. The 10 Southeast Asian nations that comprise the important regional body of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, have an outsized role in shaping crucial political, economic, and security developments in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

The United States has long recognized ASEAN's central role in promoting peace, security, and stability in the region. This bill would allow us to deepen our collaboration and partnership on shared challenges.

H.R. 406 underscores the importance of the United States and ASEAN's partnership by authorizing that ASEAN be designated as an international organization with diplomatic privileges and immunities consistent with the International Organizations Immunities Act.

The IOIA, which was enacted in 1945, is how the United States extends the rights and treatment generally accorded to embassies of countries that have diplomatic relations with the United States to international organizations.

This is a long-overdue change that our partners in ASEAN and the Biden administration strongly support. With the passage of this legislation, the United States would affirm our longstanding relationship and upgrade our capacity to collaborate with ASEAN. Robust and consistent engagement with Southeast Asia is critical to realizing our Indo-Pacific strategy. This measure ensures that America remains a Pacific power and a critical player in Southeast Asia as we address the challenge of China.

We need to work collectively with ASEAN so that we can tackle shared challenges such as economic resiliency, global health, climate change, and attacks against the rules-based international order. Our partnership with ASEAN will be essential in delivering sustainable solutions to our combined 1 billion people.

Mr. Speaker, again, I urge all of my colleagues to support this strong, bipartisan bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs.

KIM), my good friend and colleague, who chairs the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific and is the Republican coauthor of this bill.

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman ANN WAGNER for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 406, the Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations, PARTNER, with ASEAN Act.

This is a bill that I introduced with my colleague, Representative CASTRO. I thank Ranking Member MEEKS, and my colleague, and chairwoman of one of our committees, ANN WAGNER, but more importantly, for her leadership on the ASEAN Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, much has been talked about with the importance of this legislation, but I think it is worth repeating that this bipartisan legislation extends the diplomatic privileges and immunities to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations under the International Organizations Immunities Act.

Similar international organizations such as the European Union, the Organization of American States, and the African Union currently enjoy these diplomatic privileges, but not ASEAN.

As chairwoman of the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee, I believe this legislation is a step in the right direction for improving America's standing in the Indo-Pacific and addressing the economic and security threats posed to the region by the CCP and their Belt and Road Initiative. To counter the Belt and Road Initiative, we must prioritize trade, economic, and diplomatic relations with Southeast Asian countries.

Without meaningful U.S. engagement and presence in the region, we will leave the region little choice but to turn to the CCP, whose conditions for these countries are erosion in democratic institutions and threats to their sovereignty.

This bill, while simple in scope, will signal to the region that the United States stands ready to engage in meaningful trade and have more discussions about security and human rights.

I thank my colleague, Representative CASTRO, coauthor of this bill, for his work on this legislation.

I join with my colleagues in saying that I am sorry that he could not be here to witness this legislation pass the House. I wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to getting back to work with him once he returns to the House.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 406 is a very important, bipartisan measure that affirms the importance of the United States and ASEAN's partnership by extending privileges and immunities under the International Organizations Immunities Act to ASEAN.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, I recall myself going to Cambodia to attend the session with ASEAN where they extended the opportunity for us to be official observers at their annual meetings and conferences.

This just emphasizes how the United States has long recognized and—ASEAN also—appreciates our engagement with this diverse regional body and demonstrated strong support for ASEAN centrality. This measure demonstrates our commitment to this organization and pivotal region.

Mr. Speaker, there is no better way to honor over 45 years of the United States-ASEAN's relations and build upon our partnership than passing this important bipartisan legislation so they know that jointly the United States Congress recognizes the significance and importance of our partnership.

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Again, I thank Mr. CASTRO—we want him back here soon—and Representative YOUNG KIM for their hard work on this bill to send the appropriate message. I hope that all of my colleagues will join us in support of this very important bipartisan bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, in closing, we have a national interest in sustaining U.S. leadership in Southeast Asia, supporting human rights and respect for democratic freedoms, and articulating our strategic priorities.

We will find willing partners in our many friends and allies in the region who share our grave concerns regarding China's growing power, but we must demonstrate that these partnerships are a key U.S. priority.

H.R. 406 sends an important message to the region: The United States values its important relationship with ASEAN, and we strongly support its mission to promote stability and growth in Southeast Asia.

I urge my colleagues to join me, Representative YOUNG KIM, Representative CASTRO, and Ranking Member MEEKS, along with Chairman MCCAUL, in supporting H.R. 406.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 406.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 25

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on April 20, 2023, for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

(b) **PREPARATIONS.**—Physical preparations for the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Every year, the United States joins the world in observing days of remembrance in connection with victims of the Holocaust.

The United States Holocaust Museum has organized and led the national Days of Remembrance ceremony in the United States Capitol since 1982. This event brings together Holocaust survivors, liberators, Members of Congress, White House officials, and community leaders.

As with previous years, the Museum is again requesting access to utilize the House's Emancipation Hall.

Today, the House will consider a resolution led by my colleague, Congressman DAVID KUSTOFF, that authorizes the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony on April 20.

As part of the Days of Remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, their planned programming in our Halls will be dedicated to the millions of voices, hopes, and dreams that were silenced by Nazi Germany.

Their programming will reflect the struggle to retain dignity and humanity in the face of unimaginable terror and violence. It will also highlight their stories of defiance, resistance, resilience, that remind us of what is possible in moments of unfathomable crisis.

I hope that today we can unanimously pass this legislation and approve their use of the Emancipation Hall.

I commend the continuous efforts of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and I can think of no better space to honor the lives lost and the battles fought than here in the people's House. We must never forget.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank my friend and colleague, Chairman STEIL, for his comments.

I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 25. Historically, this resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony to honor victims of the Holocaust has been considered and agreed to by the House with unanimous consent because there was universal agreement that debate on this issue was unnecessary. I don't know what has changed necessitating the debate in the 118th Congress, but I fully support the measure, nonetheless.

We are considering this legislation at a time when acts of hatred and anti-Semitism are on the rise, not just around the world but here in the United States.

Perhaps even more troubling, anti-Semitism has begun an insidious creep into what was once considered mainstream ideologies and institutions.

On January 6, in a failed attempt to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power and to subvert democracy and the rule of law, violent insurrectionists stormed the halls of the Capitol, some wearing clothing emblazoned with vile anti-Semitic slogans and imagery.

This is not some distant memory that happened in a faraway country. It happened right here in this very building, in this very Chamber, just 2 years ago. That is why it is so important we reject hate and authoritarianism at every turn to prevent its malignant spread.

This resolution does just that by allowing us to honor the memory of more than 11 million people, including 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. It affirms our commitment to combating anti-Semitism in all its forms and ensures that we never forget the atrocities of the past lest they are repeated.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 25, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I would note to my colleague and the ranking member on the Committee on House Administration, Mr. MORELLE, I appreciate his work on this.

In regards to the question why we are bringing this to the floor for a vote, I think it is just a moment in time to reflect on the importance of the issue at hand and to really appreciate and understand the horrors that occurred during the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF).

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman and the ranking member for allowing me to speak today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of this resolution that would authorize the use of Emancipation Hall by the United States Holocaust Museum for the Days of Remembrance commemoration event on April 20 of 2023.

The Days of Remembrance was established by Congress as the Nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Since 1982, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has worked tirelessly to organize and lead this vital and meaningful ceremony in the United States Capitol.

I think it is imperative that we honor the memory, the bravery, the spirit of 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, and the millions of others who perished at the hands of the Nazi regime.

We must continue to listen and share the survivors' stories so that we never forget the heinous atrocities that took place.

With each passing year, Mr. Speaker, we have fewer and fewer firsthand witnesses and individuals who were there and lost a family member or a friend. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we educate the next generation and teach them about the horrors that occurred during the Holocaust so that we never forget.

To honor the victims of the Holocaust and pay tribute to the liberators, we work and we must continue to work to keep their stories alive. Hosting the Days of Remembrance commemoration event here in the Halls of Congress does exactly that.

As we all know, anti-Semitism, as well as hateful rhetoric and incidents continue to grow here across the country, frankly, across the world.

As Members of Congress, we have the ability and the responsibility to combat anti-Semitism and ensure that our children, tomorrow's leaders, are taught about the cruelties that took place years ago. The way that we can do this and to prevent atrocities like the Holocaust from happening again is through education.

As Elie Wiesel once said: "For the dead and the living, we must bear witness."

I thank Representatives BRAD SCHNEIDER, MAX MILLER, and GREG LANDSMAN for working with me on this important measure, and, as such, I urge all my colleagues to support this crucial resolution that will honor the victims of the Holocaust by authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for the Days of Remembrance commemoration.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Chair's explanation of why we are doing this. I certainly appreciate the gentleman from Tennessee and his hard work.

I represent a community, Rochester, New York, which has a significant Jewish population I have worked with for

decades, and I talked just a couple of weeks ago at Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester about the rise of anti-Semitism in communities across the United States, so I appreciate the opportunity for us to talk about the increase; how we must do everything we can to make sure that we not only remember the past, but are cognizant in the present of all the challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I agree with my colleague, the ranking member. As we see a rise in anti-Semitism, now is the time to remember how that can take us in this world down a dark path, and no darker path than the Holocaust.

I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. D'ESPOSITO).

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of one of the largest Jewish populations in the State of New York, I rise today to voice my support for H. Con. Res. 25, which would authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony remembering the victims of the Holocaust.

It is vitally important that this legislative body and the Federal Government at large do everything possible to ensure the horrors of the Holocaust are never forgotten and the victims are always remembered.

Holding a ceremony right here in the Capitol's Emancipation Hall demonstrates this Nation's unified commitment to honoring those who fell victim to an evil ideology of racism, anti-Semitism, and thorough hatred.

These ceremonies of remembrance are particularly important now as the generation that survived the Holocaust continues to dwindle in numbers. We must do everything possible to make sure those survivors' stories are told, and their perseverance celebrated for years to come.

I personally will be observing Yom HaShoah this year by pausing to remember the millions of lives senselessly taken during the Holocaust, and thanking those survivors who continue to keep alive their stories.

The memories of 6 million murdered Jews and countless other victims of the Holocaust serve as a reminder that evil exists, and we must always stand guard against it and all hatred.

Let this Congress always stand firm as a force of good and forever act justly to prevent such evils from ever being carried out again.

We must never forget the Holocaust, and this ceremony at Emancipation Hall will keep that spirit of remembrance alive here in our Nation's Capitol and across this Nation.

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Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I will close by again thanking the chairman for bringing the resolution forward and thanking my colleagues for offering it. We stand in strong support of it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 25, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I urge strong bipartisan and unanimous support for H. Con. Res. 25 today on the House floor, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 25.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STRONG) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 1093; and

H.R. 1159.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCED CAPABILITIES PILLAR OF THE TRILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1093) to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 393, nays 4, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 144]

YEAS—393

Adams	Crow	Higgins (NY)
Aguilar	Cuellar	Himes
Alford	Curtis	Hinson
Allen	D'Esposito	Horsford
Allred	Davids (KS)	Houchin
Amodei	Davidson	Houlahan
Armstrong	Davis (IL)	Hudson
Arrington	Davis (NC)	Huffman
Auchincloss	De La Cruz	Huizenga
Babin	DeGette	Hunt
Bacon	DeLauro	Issa
Baird	DelBene	Ivey
Balderson	Deluzio	Jackson (IL)
Balint	DeSaulnier	Jackson (NC)
Banks	DesJarlais	Jackson (TX)
Barr	Diaz-Balart	Jackson Lee
Barragán	Dingell	Jacobs
Bean (FL)	Doggett	James
Beatty	Donalds	Jayapal
Bentz	Duarte	Jeffries
Bera	Duncan	Johnson (GA)
Bergman	Dunn (FL)	Johnson (LA)
Beyer	Edwards	Johnson (OH)
Bice	Ellzey	Johnson (SD)
Biggs	Emmer	Jordan
Bilirakis	Escobar	Joyce (OH)
Bishop (GA)	Eshoo	Joyce (PA)
Bishop (NC)	Espallat	Kamlager-Dove
Blunt Rochester	Evans	Kean (NJ)
Boebert	Ezell	Keating
Bost	Fallon	Kelly (MS)
Boyle (PA)	Feenstra	Kelly (PA)
Brecheen	Ferguson	Khanna
Brown	Finstad	Kildee
Brownley	Fischbach	Kiley
Buchanan	Fitzgerald	Kilmer
Buck	Fitzpatrick	Kim (CA)
Budzinski	Fleischmann	Kim (NJ)
Burchett	Fletcher	Krishnamoorthi
Burgess	Flood	Kuster
Burlison	Foster	Kustoff
Bush	Foushee	LaHood
Calvert	Fox	LaLota
Cammack	Franklin, C.	LaMalfa
Caraveo	Scott	Landsman
Carbajal	Frost	Langworthy
Cárdenas	Fry	Larsen (WA)
Carey	Fulcher	Larson (CT)
Carl	Gaetz	Latta
Carson	Gallagher	LaTurner
Carter (GA)	Galleo	Lawler
Carter (LA)	Garamendi	Lee (CA)
Carter (TX)	Garbarino	Lee (FL)
Cartwright	Garcia (IL)	Lee (NV)
Casar	Garcia (TX)	Lee (PA)
Case	Garcia, Mike	Lesko
Casten	Garcia, Robert	Letlow
Castor (FL)	Gimenez	Levin
Chavez-DeRemer	Golden (ME)	Lieu
Cherfilus-	Goldman (NY)	Lofgren
McCormick	Gonzales, Tony	Loudermilk
Chu	Gonzalez,	Luetkemeyer
Cicilline	Vicente	Luna
Ciscomani	Good (VA)	Luttrell
Clark (MA)	Gooden (TX)	Magaziner
Clarke (NY)	Gosar	Malliotakis
Cline	Granger	Mann
Cloud	Graves (LA)	Manning
Clyburn	Graves (MO)	Massie
Clyde	Green (TN)	Mast
Cohen	Greene (GA)	Matsui
Cole	Griffith	McBath
Collins	Grijalva	McCaull
Comer	Grothman	McClain
Connolly	Guest	McClellan
Correa	Guthrie	McClintock
Courtney	Hageman	McCollum
Craig	Harder (CA)	McCormick
Crane	Harris	McGarvey
Crawford	Harshbarger	McGovern
Crenshaw	Hayes	McHenry
Crockett	Hern	Meeks
	Higgins (LA)	Menendez

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Miller (IL)	Rogers (KY)	Takano
Miller (OH)	Rose	Thanedar
Miller (WV)	Rosendale	Thompson (CA)
Miller-Meeks	Ross	Thompson (MS)
Mills	Rouzer	Thompson (PA)
Molinaro	Roy	Tiffany
Moolenaar	Ruppersberger	Timmons
Moore (AL)	Rutherford	Titus
Moore (UT)	Ryan	Tlaib
Moore (WI)	Salazar	Tokuda
Moran	Salinas	Tonko
Morelle	Sánchez	Torres (CA)
Moulton	Santos	Torres (NY)
Mrvan	Sarbanes	Trahan
Murphy	Scalise	Trone
Nadler	Scanlon	Turner
Neal	Schakowsky	Underwood
Neguse	Schneider	Valadao
Nehls	Scholten	Van Drew
Newhouse	Schrier	Van Dyne
Nickel	Schweikert	Van Orden
Norcross	Scott (VA)	Vargas
Norman	Scott, Austin	Vasquez
Nunn (IA)	Scott, David	Veasey
Obernolte	Self	Velázquez
Owens	Sessions	Wagner
Pallone	Sewell	Walberg
Palmer	Sherman	Waltz
Panetta	Simpson	Wasserman
Pappas	Slotkin	Schultz
Pascarella	Smith (MO)	Watson Coleman
Payne	Smith (NE)	Weber (TX)
Pelosi	Smith (NJ)	Webster (FL)
Peltola	Smith (WA)	Wenstrup
Pence	Sorensen	Soto
Perez	Spanberger	Westerman
Perry	Stansbury	Wild
Peters	Stanton	Williams (GA)
Pettersen	Staubert	Williams (NY)
Pfleger	Steel	Williams (TX)
Phillips	Stefanik	Wilson (FL)
Pingree	Stell	Wilson (SC)
Pocan	Steube	Wittman
Porter	Stevens	Womack
Posey	Stewart	Yakym
Quigley	Strickland	Zinke
Raskin		

NAYS—4

Bowman	Omar
Kaptur	Ramirez

NOT VOTING—37

Blumenauer	Hoyer	Ocasio-Cortez
Bonamici	Hoyle (OR)	Ogles
Bucshon	Kelly (IL)	Pressley
Castro (TX)	Kiggans (VA)	Ruiz
Cleaver	Lamborn	Schiff
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Sherrill
Dean (PA)	Lucas	Smucker
Estes	Lynch	Spartz
Frankel, Lois	Mace	Tenney
Gomez	Mooney	Waters
Gottheimer	Moskowitz	Wexton
Green, Al (TX)	Mullin	
Hill	Napolitano	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform you that I missed the vote on rollcall No. 144. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 144.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 144.

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been

present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 144.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 144 on H.R. 1093, I mistakenly recorded my vote as “no” when I should have voted “yes”.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 144.

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present for rollcall No. 144, the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1093. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 144.

PERIODIC REVIEWS AND UPDATED REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S TAIWAN GUIDELINES UNDER THE TAIWAN ASSURANCE ACT OF 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1159) to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 7, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 145]

YEAS—404

Adams	Bush	Dauids (KS)
Aderholt	Calvert	Davidson
Aguilar	Cammack	Davis (IL)
Alford	Caraveo	Davis (NC)
Allen	Carbajal	De La Cruz
Allred	Cardenas	Dean (PA)
Amodei	Carey	DeGette
Armstrong	Carl	DeLauro
Arrington	Carson	DelBene
Auchincloss	Carter (GA)	Deluzio
Babin	Carter (LA)	DeSaulnier
Bacon	Carter (TX)	DesJarlais
Baird	Cartwright	Diaz-Balart
Balderson	Case	Dingell
Balint	Casten	Doggett
Banks	Castor (FL)	Donalds
Barr	Chavez-DeRemer	Duarte
Barragan	Cherfilus-	Duncan
Bean (FL)	McCormick	Dunn (FL)
Beatty	Cicilline	Edwards
Bentz	Ciscomani	Ellzey
Bera	Clark (MA)	Emmer
Bergman	Clarke (NY)	Escobar
Beyer	Cline	Eshoo
Bice	Cloud	Espallat
Biggs	Clyburn	Estes
Bilirakis	Clyde	Evans
Bishop (GA)	Cohen	Ezell
Bishop (NC)	Cole	Fallon
Blunt Rochester	Collins	Feenstra
Boebert	Comer	Ferguson
Bonamici	Connolly	Finstad
Bost	Correa	Fischbach
Boyle (PA)	Courtney	Fitzgerald
Brecheen	Craig	Fitzpatrick
Brown	Crane	Fleischmann
Brownley	Crawford	Fletcher
Buchanan	Crenshaw	Flood
Buck	Crockett	Foster
Budzinski	Crow	Foushee
Burchett	Cuellar	Foxx
Burgess	Curtis	Frankel, Lois
Burlison	D'Esposito	

Franklin, C.	LaTurner	Ryan
Scott	Lawler	Salazar
Frost	Lee (CA)	Salinas
Fry	Lee (FL)	Sanchez
Fulcher	Lee (NV)	Santos
Gaetz	Lesko	Sarbanes
Gallagher	Letlow	Scalise
Garamendi	Levin	Scanlon
Garbarino	Lieu	Schakowsky
Garcia (TX)	Lofgren	Schiff
Garcia, Mike	Loudermilk	Schneider
Garcia, Robert	Luetkemeyer	Scholten
Gimenez	Luna	Schrier
Golden (ME)	Luttrell	Schweikert
Goldman (NY)	Mace	Scott (VA)
Gomez	Magaziner	Scott, Austin
Gonzales, Tony	Malliotakis	Scott, David
Gonzalez,	Mann	Self
Vicente	Manning	Sessions
Good (VA)	Massie	Sewell
Gooden (TX)	Mast	Sherman
Gosar	Matsui	Simpson
Granger	McBath	Slotkin
Graves (LA)	McCaul	Smith (MO)
Graves (MO)	McClain	Smith (NE)
Green (TN)	McClellan	Smith (NJ)
Green, Al (TX)	McClintock	Smith (WA)
Greene (GA)	McCollum	Smucker
Griffith	McCormick	Sorensen
Grothman	McGarvey	Soto
Guest	McGovern	Spanberger
Guthrie	McHenry	Spartz
Hageman	Meeks	Stansbury
Harder (CA)	Menendez	Stanton
Harris	Meng	Staubert
Harshbarger	Meuser	Steel
Hayes	Mfume	Stefanik
Hern	Miller (IL)	Steil
Higgins (LA)	Miller (OH)	Steube
Higgins (NY)	Miller (WV)	Stevens
Hill	Miller-Meeks	Stewart
Himes	Mills	Strickland
Hinson	Molinaro	Strong
Horsford	Moolenaar	Swalwell
Houchin	Moore (AL)	Sykes
Houlahan	Moore (UT)	Takano
Hoyer	Moore (WI)	Tenney
Hoyle (OR)	Moran	Thandard
Hudson	Morelle	Thompson (CA)
Huffman	Moulton	Thompson (MS)
Huizenga	Mrvan	Thompson (PA)
Hunt	Murphy	Tiffany
Issa	Nadler	Timmons
Ivey	Neal	Titus
Jackson (IL)	Neguse	Tlaib
Jackson (NC)	Nehls	Tokuda
Jackson (TX)	Newhouse	Tonko
Jackson Lee	Nickel	Torres (CA)
Jacobs	Norcross	Torres (NY)
James	Norman	Trahan
Jayapal	Nunn (IA)	Trone
Jeffries	Obernoite	Turner
Johnson (GA)	Owens	Underwood
Johnson (LA)	Pallone	Valadao
Johnson (OH)	Palmer	Van Drew
Johnson (SD)	Panetta	Van Dwyne
Jordan	Pappas	Van Orden
Joyce (OH)	Pascarell	Vargas
Joyce (PA)	Payne	Vasquez
Kamlager-Dove	Pelosi	Veasey
Kaptur	Peltola	Velázquez
Kean (NJ)	Pence	Wagner
Keating	Perez	Walberg
Kelly (MS)	Perry	Waltz
Kelly (PA)	Peters	Wasserman
Khanna	Pettersen	Schultz
Kiggans (VA)	Pfleger	Watson Coleman
Kildee	Phillips	Weber (TX)
Kiley	Pingree	Webster (FL)
Kilmer	Pocan	Wenstrup
Kim (CA)	Porter	Westernman
Kim (NJ)	Posey	Wexton
Krishnamoorthi	Quigley	Wild
Kuster	Raskin	Williams (GA)
Kustoff	Reschenthaler	Williams (NY)
LaHood	Rogers (AL)	Williams (TX)
LaLota	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (FL)
LaMalfa	Rose	Wilson (SC)
Lamborn	Rosendale	Wittman
Landsman	Ross	Womack
Langworthy	Rouzer	Yakym
Larsen (WA)	Roy	Zinke
Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger	
Latta	Rutherford	

NAYS—7

Bowman	Ocasio-Cortez	Ramirez
Casar	Omar	
Lee (PA)	Pressley	

NOT VOTING—23

Blumenauer	Gottheimer	Mullin
Bucshon	Grijalva	Napolitano
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Ogles
Chu	Leger Fernandez	Rodgers (WA)
Cleaver	Lucas	Ruiz
Costa	Lynch	Sherrill
Gallego	Mooney	Waters
Garcia (IL)	Moskowitz	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall No. 144, the vote today on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1093, I would have voted “yea.”

Additionally, had I been present for rollcall No. 145, the vote on H.R. 1159, a bill to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes due to a family issue. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 144 and “yea” on rollcall No. 145.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to representing the United States government at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way: “yea” on rollcall No. 144, suspending the rules and agreeing to H.R. 1159, and “yea” on rollcall No. 145, suspending the rules and agreeing to H.R. 1159.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PAT SCHROEDER

(Ms. DEGETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, Colorado mourned one of its finest public servants this week when we lost former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder.

Pat was a pioneer for women's rights, and she was the first woman ever elected to represent the State of Colorado in the U.S. House. For 24 years, she fought tirelessly in this Chamber to expand the rights of women, families, and children across this country.

She cofounded the Congressional Women's Caucus, and she was the first woman ever selected to serve on the House Armed Services Committee. She championed legislation to protect pregnant workers and women in the military, and she was the driving force behind the Family and Medical Leave Act.

What made Pat so unique, though, wasn't just the brilliance that she had or her passion for public service. It was her razor-sharp wit.

Pat could trade barbs with anybody at a moment's notice on any subject. She could disarm her most harsh critics with humor and grace, and she had

an unrivaled ability to light up almost any room she walked into. We can all agree there will never be another Pat Schroeder.

I am grateful for the time I got to spend with her and for the friendship and mentorship she provided to me over the years.

This is something that doesn't happen very often: Pat was elected to Congress when I was in high school; I never voted for anybody for Congress except for Pat Schroeder and myself.

She is a giant whose shoulders we all stand on today, and she will be missed by everybody here, by everybody in the First Congressional District of Colorado, and by millions of people whose lives have been made better because of the legacy of Pat Schroeder.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for helping me honor the memory of Pat Schroeder by observing a moment of silence.

CELEBRATING PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thousands of Pennsylvania youth who participate in 4-H and celebrate Pennsylvania 4-H Week, March 12 through March 18.

Last week, counties across the Commonwealth, including McKean and Jefferson in Pennsylvania 15, celebrated the youth development program and the important role that it plays in our communities.

4-H is the well-known educational youth development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered in Pennsylvania by Penn State Extension. It is the largest youth organization in the State, with over 77,000 members from each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

In celebration of local 4-H clubs, Jefferson County youth were invited to Brookville's Penn State Extension office for 4-H-related goodies and program information.

McKean County youth promoted their 4-H clubs by decorating window displays in local storefronts, and they also held their annual 4-H benefit dinner and auction.

4-H provides a continuing service to Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District, the Commonwealth, and the Nation, and I commend the thousands of youth and adult volunteers who comprise this outstanding program for their club, community, country, and world.

HONORING NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR RONALD RICE

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of New Jersey's most distinguished State senators.

New Jersey State Senator Ronald Rice passed away on March 15. He spent more than 35 years serving the people of New Jersey's 28th District, and he was the longest serving Black legislator in our State's history.

Senator Rice started as a Newark City Council member before he became a State senator, but his service to our community and our country extended beyond politics. Senator Rice was a sergeant in the Marine Corps and a decorated Vietnam veteran. He spent 8 years as a police detective and 4 years as Newark's deputy mayor.

As a State senator, he was known for his strong advocacy for social justice and civil rights. His dedication to equality was known throughout the State.

Senator Rice was an exceptional public servant, and I know his work for Newark and the people of New Jersey will be missed.

COMMENDING GEORGIA SOUTHERN ON ITS LEARNING CENTER IN IRELAND

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, this past Friday in Savannah, Georgia, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with over 400,000 people lining the streets of Savannah.

Today, I rise to highlight the efforts that have been made by Georgia Southern University to strengthen U.S.-Irish relations.

In 2019, the university established a learning center in Wexford, Ireland. The new learning center allows students at Georgia Southern to study abroad in Ireland. It allows them to take classes, experience the culture of Ireland, and examine the longstanding connection between Savannah, Georgia, and Ireland.

In addition to aiding students at Georgia Southern, efforts made by the university have strengthened the Georgian economy. Efforts by the university's Center for Irish Research and Teaching have led the Savannah Economic Development Authority to select Ireland as a partner for various trade and investment delegations.

The initiative also helped secure a Southeast U.S. distribution deal for Survipod, an Irish manufacturer of innovative surveying tools, and a broad-based distribution deal for the Savannah Bee Company in Ireland.

I congratulate Georgia Southern University on its accomplishments and thank the university for its efforts to improve U.S.-Irish relations.

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HONORING AMERICORPS WEEK

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the AmeriCorps, to honor AmeriCorps week, and the AmeriCorps members who have dedicated their lives or part of their lives to serving others.

I have experienced firsthand the unifying power and impact of national service, during both my own service first in the Air Force and then later as a chemistry teacher through the AmeriCorps, Teach for America.

It was life changing, I hope not just for me. I was honored this week to be able to visit with AmeriCorps senior volunteers who work in our schools as foster grandparents to see that service is still indeed alive and thriving in the hearts of so many Americans.

In fact, since 1994, 57,000 residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have volunteered over 79 million hours of time. Service is a critical component in addressing many of the challenges we face as a Nation today, including how divided we feel from one another.

Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the AmeriCorps members, both past and present, who commit themselves to serving others.

Let's embrace national service and challenge ourselves and one another to serve whenever and wherever we are able.

IN MEMORY OF FRED T. MACEDO

(Mr. VARGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fred T. Macedo. Fred was born in Carlsbad, California, on May 14, 1944, and attended Carlsbad High School where he helped to win his school's first football CIF championship.

In 1965, Fred joined the Laborers' International Union of North America, LIUNA, Local 89. Fred enjoyed a 37-year-career at LIUNA, building numerous high-profile projects that had lasting impact on the San Diego region. His legacy can be seen today through his work on the Coronado Bay Bridge, Units 2 and 3 of the San Onofre Power Plant, the San Elijo Water Reclamation Plant, and the Point Loma Water Filtration Plant.

After retiring from LIUNA, Fred continued his service as president of the Advisory Council, where he was active in community service activities.

He has helped to provide a space for retiring members to give back to their union and the broader community. Fred will be remembered for his contributions to the County of San Diego where he was a friend and mentor to many. His family and community are

forever grateful for the contributions he has made in our region.

San Diego lost a giant when we lost Fred T. Macedo.

REALITIES OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the realities of the climate crisis as seen in my district and across the State of California.

Earlier this year, Los Angeles County issued its first blizzard warning since February 4, 1989.

Unfamiliar wintry conditions resulting in up to a foot of snow with 80-miles-per-hour winds overtook many parts of Los Angeles County, leaving Californians with flooded homes and no power.

In my district, the Baldwin Hills neighborhood was hit with a local state of emergency as a disastrous rainstorm demolished daily rain records from over 100 years ago causing fatal mudslides. Today in Los Angeles, we suffered a tornado.

This is not normal.

Madam Speaker, I cannot stand idly by while Republicans continue to deny the validity of the crisis before us, seen firsthand by my district experiencing disastrous weather patterns not seen for over three decades.

I have fought for the protection of our environment my entire life and will do everything in my power to work against the actions taken in this very room by my colleagues across the aisle to propagate the climate crisis that, if not addressed, will destroy Mother Earth and her inhabitants.

We must take the lessons we are learning in California to heart because this is only the beginning.

Madam Speaker, if this isn't a wake-up call, I don't know what is.

FIVE YEARS OF MFOL AND PERSISTENCE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to declare that our calls for gun violence prevention will not stop until we see real action to keep our kids and communities safe from senseless shootings plaguing our Nation.

Madam Speaker, ten years ago, after Sandy Hook, grieving parents came to this place and called for urgent action.

Five years ago this Friday, student survivors of the shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School led millions of fellow students in the first March for Our Lives calling for urgent action.

Yet still here we are, after Pulse, after Las Vegas, Buffalo, Uvalde, High-

land Park, Monterey Park, and literally countless other shootings and so many beautiful lives cut short.

This morning, my sister texted me, "two teachers shot" at the Denver school my niece and nephews attend. It was their second shooting this year, in addition to four other lockdowns.

Enough is enough. Together with March for Our Lives, Moms Demand Action, Everytown, Sandy Hook Promise, Giffords, and every other concerned American, we will not stop our calls for action until our families feel safe in our schools, in our pews, at our stores, at our Fourth of July parades.

COMMEMORATING THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF OSO LANDSLIDE

(Ms. SCHRIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the Oso landslide. On that tragic day, 43 people lost their lives when an entire hillside collapsed, smothering the town and burying it in mud.

Washington State was forever changed.

Among the victims were a nurse, veterans, even elementary school students. There were parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and children—all beloved members of their community. We remember them today.

On this anniversary, I would extend my condolences to the friends and family members of those victims. While we cannot change the past, we can honor those who passed away by working toward a safer future.

As a Representative of this resilient community, I have worked to increase funding for emergency communications and services and supported the National Landslide Preparedness Act, all of which help ensure that we are ready if such a disaster strikes again.

People of Oso, my heart is with you today.

WHAT AMERICA MAKES AND GROWS, MAKES AND GROWS AMERICA

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, domestic manufacturing has always been a foundation stone of American prosperity and innovation. That remains true today.

I hail from America's industrial heartland, the Great Lakes and Midwest. Our people know firsthand how essential manufacturing is for the long-term health and growth of our country.

What America makes and grows, makes and grows America.

When manufacturing is at the forefront, working-class families and communities succeed. Together, invention

and production lift up economic growth and build a middle class. That is why I am proud to reintroduce the Bipartisan Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation Policy Act of 2023.

This legislation will create an Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation to elevate at the highest levels manufacturing policy.

This office will ensure that voices from the manufacturing sector, small business, and labor unions are heard.

It is time for the Federal Government to put American manufacturing and workers first.

This bipartisan legislation does exactly that.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise to celebrate Women's History Month and its 2023 theme: Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.

This year, I recognize a woman who tells the stories of Gary, Indiana: Ms. Dorothy Leavell, the editor and publisher of the Gary Crusader for more than 50 years.

Throughout her career, Dorothy remained grounded in her purpose to serve as an advocate for the African-American community. Under her leadership, the Crusader Newspaper Group became a voting member of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association, a federation of the African-American-owned newspapers in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Women's History Month, please join me in recognizing the dedication, perseverance, and contributions that Ms. Dorothy Leavell and so many other extraordinary women have made to improve our communities through the stories they tell.

FEED AMERICA

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, the agricultural community is the backbone of eastern North Carolina.

Back home, I constantly hear about the barriers to our farmers' success, which is why during this National Agriculture Week, I proudly introduced the Promoting Precision Agriculture Act with Representative TRACEY MANN of Kansas.

Precision agriculture includes the use of devices like robotics, sensors, monitors, drones, and more to help our growers increase efficiency, boost crop yields, and lower costs.

Madam Speaker, we must deliver for our farmers in rural America to ensure our growers have the resources and

tools they need to do what they do best: feed America.

THE PAST AND FUTURE OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

(Ms. CLARKE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today at a moment when, tragically, women's rights in the United States have been greatly diminished since last year's Women's History Month was commemorated.

While we will continue our month-long celebration in observance of women's history, it is just as important for us to focus on the future that women will face as it is for us to reflect on the achievements of the past.

Access to abortion is no longer a constitutional right. Full stop.

Access to lifesaving abortion medication, even in States where abortion is legally protected is under threat.

Teenage girls and young women are facing unprecedented rates of trauma, violence, suicide, and maternal mortality.

We still have not achieved equal work for equal pay. Yet, we continue our celebration this month all the same. That is in part what makes this month so special.

From Harriet Tubman liberating the enslaved to Vice President HARRIS inspiring women and girls across the Nation that they too can dream with ambition, lead with conviction, and see themselves in a way that others may not, we are making progress and our work is not yet finished.

In closing, Happy Women's History Month.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT THREATENED TAKEOVER

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, we can honor Women's History Month in many different ways, and I rise today to acknowledge women in all walks of life and around the world.

I particularly want to mention a crisis that involves women in my Congressional District.

Can you imagine the State of Texas attempting to take over the largest school district in our State, and the seventh or eighth largest school district, the Houston Independent School District.

Why women? Because parents, many of them single household, women. Teachers, women. Support staff, women. Cafeteria workers, women—women who love the children and wonder why a State would eliminate the school board—which by the way, has the largest number of women as school board members on the Houston Independent School Board District.

There is no definable reason to take over a district that has a C rating for one school, an overall B plus, a Chinese immersion school, a Arabic immersion school, an art and professional school, virtual arts, and as well children performing after the pandemic.

When I met with the parents at this meeting that was being held, they asked why. They were women.

Madam Speaker, I stand with them.

We will fight against the takeover, and I will listen to the women, the parents of the children of the Houston Independent School District.

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CALIFORNIA'S WATER CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, we have had a series of very heavy storms in California. We have gotten a lot of water, and I wanted to take a moment to talk about what is happening to that water.

This is a photo I took a few days ago at the Folsom Dam; 20,000 cubic feet is being released per second where it is sent on its way to the Pacific Ocean. That staggering amount of water is not available to California farmers, businesses, or residents.

Meanwhile, State-sponsored billboards tell people to put a bucket in their shower so they can save that water for gardening. Restaurants are prohibited from serving their customers drinking water unless the customer specifically asks for it.

Here are some of the other emergency drought restrictions that have been in effect: Turn off decorative water fountains. Use an automatic shutoff nozzle on your water hose. Use a broom, not water to clean sidewalks and driveways. Commercial, industrial, and institutional decorative grass should not be watered; same for the common areas in homeowner associations.

Down here you can see all the enforcement, all the penalties if you don't follow this. It says here, for local jurisdictions, for urban water suppliers, if needed, exercise authority to adopt more stringent local conservation measures. Some local authorities have done just that.

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District began sending government employees into residents' homes to install flow restrictors. Once installed, you are also barred from watering anything outside, and you are not able to use two appliances needing water at once.

One resident said: "You have to take what's called a Navy Shower . . . 2 minutes. . ."

In Los Angeles, they have the water police, where municipalities pay indi-

viduals to drive around and check for leaky swimming pools, green lawns, or other signs of water use.

This is just the beginning. In 2018, the California Legislature adopted a statewide limit of 55 gallons of indoor water use per person per day; so a single person living alone can't take a shower and do a load of laundry in the same day. Yet, last year, the legislature decided even this was too generous and reduced the allotted water to 42 gallons per day.

Then, of course, there is the impact on farmers. For both 2021 and 2022, surface water deliveries dropped by 43 percent. An estimated 752,000 acres lay idle in 2022.

The general manager of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District said: "We typically plant 100,000 acres of rice in our district. And this last year we planted 1,000 acres. It is just a massive, massive impact," he said.

As a result, \$1.7 billion in crop revenues were lost in 2022, and an estimated 19,400 jobs.

These drastic sacrifices have been required of Californians because of a supposed lack of water. We prayed for rain, and then the rain comes, and this happens.

Here is the overall impact of this image and others like it throughout the State. So far this year, October through mid-March, the net outflow, this is after pumping, from the delta into the San Francisco Bay is 11.6 million acre-feet.

Meanwhile, the State has only pumped 1.0 million acre-feet into the California Aqueduct, and the Federal Bureau of Reclamation has only pumped 826,000 acre-feet into the Delta Mendota Canal.

With this record precipitation, that means 13 percent of delta outflows have been captured. The rest is squandered.

If we were able to capture this water, we wouldn't have to worry about floods, and we wouldn't have to worry about droughts. Communities wouldn't be put at risk. Farmers wouldn't have to fallow their fields. Citizens wouldn't have to take shorter showers.

The reason we aren't capturing it isn't because this water is somehow inherently elusive. It is because there is simply no place to put it.

California has not seen a new water storage project in at least 30 years, despite many promising potential projects that have been in the planning stages since the 1950s.

In 2014, California voters said enough is enough and passed a \$7.5 billion water bond. Build water storage, the voters said. Yet, nothing has been built. In the 9 years since, no significant project has materialized. Endless litigation, mind-numbing bureaucracy and, most of all, a lack of political will have been a recipe for inaction.

The executive director of the most significant project, Sites Reservoir, said: My experience is that for every 1 year of construction, you have about 3 years of permitting.

It doesn't need to be this way. The massive Folsom Dam, of which this is the auxiliary spillway, holds about a million acre-feet of water and took less than a decade in the late 1940s and early 1950s to build.

In addition to failing to build any new in-stream or off-stream reservoirs, California has also rejected all but one proposed desalination plant, and is taking advantage of a small fraction of the potential for water treatment.

Even now, amidst the current record precipitation, our State and Federal pumps still aren't operating at full capacity.

In short, this uniquely Californian absurdity of alternating or even simultaneous floods and droughts is not some inevitable by-product of our climate or geography. It is the direct product of political failure. We have more than enough tools at our disposal to have a sustainable, secure supply of water for all users.

This image needs to be a wake-up call for California's leaders at the State and Federal level. No more excuses. Let's solve this problem now. Let's end this era of floods and droughts, of shorter showers, and fallow fields. Let's liberate our constituents from this regime of enforced scarcity and give Californians the abundant supply of water they deserve.

This is California's problem, but it affects the entire country. California agriculture feeds the Nation and the world, and we could never have become the State that we are, or at least once were, a State that used to lead the country in so many good ways, without the dams, aqueducts, pipes, tunnels, canals, plants, pumping stations built by previous generations.

We need to summon the can-do spirit of our forebearers, and we don't even need their ingenuity. We just need basic competence.

Effective water management was indispensable to California's 20th century rise and is just as indispensable to reversing its 21st century decline.

RECENT COURT DECISIONS

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, this last week, two court decisions in California delivered a near-fatal blow to one of the worst laws that has ever been passed, the California law known as AB 5, that destroyed the livelihoods of countless people, wiping out hundreds of professions in our State.

These court decisions have significant ramifications for three matters of national importance: First, the recently re-introduced PRO Act, which seeks to nationalize California's ban on independent work; second, a proposed Department of Labor rule that seeks to do much the same thing through the bureaucracy; and third, the upcoming confirmation hearings for President Biden's nominee for Secretary of Labor, Julie Su, who, as California's Labor Secretary, was an architect and lead enforcer of AB 5.

The PRO Act, the Labor rule, Julie Su: It is a multi-pronged assault on the

right to earn a living in America, a concerted strategy to limit or eliminate the gig economy, freelancing, independent contracting, self-employment, and other alternate work arrangements that entire careers are based on and entire industries have been built around.

If this strategy is successful, it will be devastating for the American economy and American workers. We know that because of the devastation California has already experienced.

When he signed AB 5 in late 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom rendered countless Californians, spanning hundreds of professions, unable to earn a living in our State. Videographers and caricaturists, transcriptionists and interpreters, technicians and engineers, analysts and consultants, musicians and conductors, artists and dancers, writers and editors, coaches and trainers, teachers and tutors, nurses and doulas, hardly an industry or profession is unscathed.

The consequences go well beyond just the affected professions. To take one example, thousands and thousands of truckers are at risk of being taken off the road, throwing supply chains into chaos.

AB 5 is a law so bad that California voters have repudiated it, and the legislature has granted over 100 exemptions to professions with enough influence at the Capitol.

These two developments, the clearly expressed will of California voters, and the scattershot exemption process, were the subjects of last week's court decisions.

In the first decision, the California Court of Appeal unanimously upheld Proposition 22, an initiative passed by California voters in 2020. Prop 22 repealed AB 5 for one category of independent contractors, app-based drivers.

Uber, to take one example, was going to have to terminate up to 80 percent of its drivers because of AB 5, and nearly had to stop operating in our State altogether. Their drivers, who prize the flexibility of being able to switch on the app whenever they want to work, were appalled at the prospect of being assigned to fixed shifts, minimum work hour requirements, and more, if they were able to drive at all.

So Prop 22 was proposed to preserve the independent contracting model for these drivers and enable services like Uber and Lyft to continue in California.

In November of 2020, Prop 22 passed overwhelmingly with 59 percent of the vote. This is the one time that AB 5 has been subject to a direct vote of the people, and California voters decisively rejected it.

Yet, tellingly, the special interest groups behind AB 5 then tried to defy the will of voters, tying up the initiative in arcane legal challenges; but last Tuesday, a State Appellate Court put an end to this anti-democratic nonsense. The Court respected the will of voters and upheld the initiative.

The Justices acknowledged the people of California had chosen to overturn AB 5 and protect independent contracting. So, for the dozens of Democrat Members of Congress sponsoring the PRO Act, take notice: your position is at odds with the voters of even my own very blue State.

There was a second decision on AB 5 last week of perhaps even greater significance. This one, also a unanimous ruling, was from a Federal Appeals Court. Overruling a district court decision, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held in favor of independent contractors who alleged AB 5 violates the United States Constitution.

Specifically, it is an Equal Protection violation. By granting over 100 exemptions to AB 5, the Court wrote, the legislature has not only refuted its own justification for the law, but it has picked and chosen who is allowed to work and who isn't, without any rational basis.

Indeed, the court referred to the "... piecemeal fashion in which the exemptions were granted," saying this "lends credence to Plaintiffs' allegations that the exemptions were the result of the 'lobbying' and 'backroom dealing' as opposed to adherence to the stated purpose of the legislation."

The court wrote that who is subject to the law, and who isn't, could plausibly be "attributed to animus rather than reason," and that the State's policy of now enforcing AB 5 on some but not others, borders on corruption, pure spite, or naked favoritism.

For this reason, the court found that the constitutional case against AB 5 passes the rational-basis test, which is notoriously difficult to pass. Under that standard, a court will only strike down a law if there is not "any reasonably conceivable state of facts that could provide a rational basis for" it.

In this case, the court explained that "even under this 'fairly forgiving' standard of review, we conclude that ... Plaintiffs plausibly alleged that AB 5 ... violates the Equal Protection Clause."

Why in the world would a law that, per the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, lacks any rational basis be transformed into national policy, ensnaring millions of Americans in its web of corruption, animus, and economic failure?

Why would we take a law so bad that legislatures felt the need to unconstitutionally award 100 exemptions to their friends and say this is our model for the American workforce?

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There is no good reason at all, no good reason why a law that the voters of deep-blue California rejected should be the template for national labor relations, as the PRO Act seeks to do.

There is no reason why a law that cannot be justified by any reasonably conceivable state of facts should be imposed by executive fiat nationwide, as the Biden administration's labor rule would do.

There is no reason why an architect and ruthless enforcer of that law, former California Labor Secretary Julie Su, should be elevated to the highest labor office in the land.

Julie Su's historic failure to deliver unemployment checks to millions of Californians, along with her allowance of the largest fraud of taxpayer dollars in history, are easily disqualifying from the standpoint of competence, but it is her mistreatment of California workers through the ruthless enforcement of AB 5 even during the COVID shutdowns that truly makes her unfit for this position.

The voters of California repudiated Julie Su with the passage of Prop. 22. Two separate appeals courts repudiated Su with last week's decisions.

It is time for President Biden to withdraw this nomination. If he refuses, I urge the United States Senate to join California voters, California judges, and Federal judges in rejecting this nominee.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF REX HIME

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, in recent weeks, my district has lost several of its most distinguished citizens. I want to share a few words about their lives and the legacy they have left in our communities.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the life and memory of Rex Hime, a committed public servant, veteran, native Californian, and friend to many.

Rex's life was guided by a commitment to serving others and a work hard, play hard attitude that endeared him to people across California. In fact, Rex's habit of regularly walking the halls of the California State Capitol in Sacramento and testifying in a Hawaiian shirt rather than the customary suit and tie was by some accounts singlehandedly responsible for relaxing the dress code at the capitol building, which is appreciated by many.

Rarely would Rex let a meeting or conference call end without making everyone laugh and lightening the mood of the conversation. Rex also spread joy to others through serving as the chair, vice chair, and board member of the Cal Expo & State Fair for over 20 years. His passion for bringing joy to others through the fair was widely recognized, as five different Governors from both political parties continued to appoint Rex to the California State Fair Board.

Rex's service to his community and country extended far beyond the fair. He served in both the Army Reserve and California National Guard, retiring as a major in 1990. Rex was also a member of the California Task Force on Violence Prevention, a regent of the University of California, and president of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association.

Apart from his community work, Rex worked as president and CEO of the California Business Properties Association for 37 years and was often instrumental in protecting taxpayers and

helping craft legislation that served as models for States across the country.

I am honored to have known Rex. He was a devoted husband and father, and our community and California will never forget the impact that Rex Hime had and continues to have on our lives through his service and advocacy work throughout his 75 years.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARTIN HARMON

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Martin Harmon, a philanthropist, entrepreneur, and beloved member of the Roseville community who passed away in February at the age of 88.

Martin lifted the lives of thousands of members of the community through his charitable foundation, which supported hospitals, churches, cancer research, substance abuse recovery programs, the arts, disaster relief efforts, and children's programs throughout the Sacramento area.

He impressed upon his family the importance of making a positive difference and is survived by his cherished wife, Kathryn Harmon; 9 children; 33 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Martin also embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit. He started his career at age 9 by selling cookware door to door during World War II and later parlayed his experience working behind a butcher's counter into opening his own market and meat-packing company as a teenager.

At the age of 27, Martin purchased his first nursing home in Auburn, which presaged his future as a developer and contractor. Martin's wide-ranging developments, from medical office buildings and shopping centers to subdivisions and apartments, leave behind a profound legacy for his children and grandchildren.

I was honored to know Martin, and our community will never forget the impact that Martin Harmon has had and will continue to have on our lives for many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF PAUL DUGAN

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the life and memory of Dr. Paul Dugan, a committed physician and pillar of the Roseville community who sadly passed away in February at the age of 92.

Dr. Dugan served countless members of the Roseville community and Sacramento area through his work as a physician. His passion for caring for others through medicine, sparked by an early affliction of polio, is abundantly clear through his life's work. Ever since moving to Roseville in 1963, Dr. Dugan regularly spent weekends doing house calls, serving uninsured patients and friends of patients, and tirelessly advocating for public health awareness.

Paul and his wife, Olga, even started the first-ever mass CPR training program, Start-A-Heart, in 1978. The program ran continuously for 19 years and was later replicated as CPR Saturday

across the country and internationally by the American Red Cross. Dr. Dugan doubtlessly saved countless lives through his leadership in organizing and executing the Start-A-Heart program and his service as a physician.

Dr. Dugan's passion for serving others extended beyond medicine and beyond Roseville. Dr. Dugan served on the Roseville Planning Commission, helping shape Roseville into the city it is today. He served as president of the Roseville Chamber of Commerce and was recognized by community members as Roseville's Citizen of the Year in 1978 and 1992. Dr. Dugan was also selected to serve on the California Board of Medical Examiners by both Governor Ronald Reagan and Governor Jerry Brown, and he assisted in credentialing the UC Davis School of Medicine.

I was honored to know Paul, and our community will never forget Dr. Paul Dugan and the tremendous impact he has had on his patients and residents of Roseville through his service as a physician and leader in the community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF GREG VAN DUSEN

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Greg Van Dusen, a pillar of the Sacramento-area community.

Greg was born in Sacramento in 1950 and, from an early age, had a passion for serving others and for sports. Greg's service and leadership were recognized by his peers after he served as student body president in 1968, and he later served a 12-month combat tour in Vietnam.

After returning from Vietnam, Greg combined his passion for service and sports by working tirelessly to facilitate the move of the Sacramento Kings from Kansas City to Sacramento in 1985. As a result of Greg's efforts, generations of Sacramento-area residents have become diehard Kings fans, although, admittedly, it has been pretty tough in many recent years. The team's somewhat unexpected success this season, I think, is a tremendous tribute to Greg.

Greg was also a devoted father and grandfather, helping shape his three sons into the men they are today. He always looked forward to visits from his grandkids, attending their sporting events and teaching them life lessons. His son Brett remembers him as "a brilliant mind; a hardworking, compassionate father and grandfather; and always willing to help anyone who asked."

I was truly honored to know Greg. He was a good friend. Our community will never forget the impact that Greg Van Dusen has had and will continue to have on our lives through his passion for serving others.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ALLAN ZAREMBERG

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the life and memory of Allan Zaremborg, a beloved member of the Sacramento-area community and a kindhearted public servant.

Allan's impact has been felt over 40 years at the California State Capitol, including for 23 years as president of the California Chamber of Commerce.

Allan held a deep commitment to forging constructive compromise with anyone willing to help deliver results for the people of California, listening respectfully and kindly to everyone's opinions and building trust through honest dealmaking, the very embodiment of how politics ought to be practiced.

His work, among many other results, helped ensure that significant investments were made in infrastructure and in caring for Californians' mental health. Allan also served several California Governors in a variety of roles, including Governor George Deukmejian and Governor Pete Wilson.

Allan also served our country as an Air Force officer during Vietnam. During the war, he was a captain and flight navigator in the KC-135, responsible for refueling spy planes. His time in the Air Force informed his approach throughout his life's work, from calmly managing a crisis to learning how to get the job done, no matter the obstacles at hand.

Apart from his service, Allan is also remembered as a kind individual, often making pizzas from scratch for friends at his home in Loomis.

I was truly honored to know Allan and to work with him. People throughout California will never forget the impact that he had and will continue to have for many, many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SECTOR LONG ISLAND SOUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. SANTOS) for 30 minutes.

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated men and women of the United States Coast Guard Sector Long Island located in NY-3 that stretches from Eatons Neck and just beyond Kings Point. It is one of the oldest Coast Guard stations in New York and the fourth oldest in the United States.

They carry out humanitarian services, such as search and rescue. They are maritime security, which is their top priority, along with port security. They are the law enforcement service branch of the United States Armed Forces. The United States Coast Guard is the largest and most powerful coast guard in the world, and it rivals most navies.

During 9/11, these unsung heroes evacuated some 565,000 people from Manhattan who chose the water route to escape NYC. In addition, their search and rescue ops increased by 35 percent during the pandemic, with a 22 percent increase in fatalities.

While keeping vigilant of our coast, they also take the fight to gun, drug, and human smugglers out on the high seas.

Their mission-related activity is being carried out despite a \$4 billion backlog in infrastructure, including the old station building at Eatons Neck, structural issues with the U.S. Coast Guard station in Saugerties, as well as flooding, mold, lead, and asbestos issues at each of the U.S. Coast Guard stations on the South Shore. Because of these conditions, the Coast Guard staff must clean up the basements late at night instead of getting proper sleep after handling search and rescue operations all day.

As you can see, these are the conditions behind me of what the men and women who serve our country honorably have to endure.

All of this is being carried out with about 100 reservists from New York and 40,000 members nationwide, some of whom have difficulty receiving mental health services. Being stationed at some of these facilities can become a long and lonely mission due to long winters and very little social life.

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Sadly, there are also pay and housing issues, some U.S. Coast Guard staff are utilizing food pantries and have difficulties finding affordable housing within enough driving distance of their station. This results in morale and recruiting issues.

Lastly, there are some 3,000 offshore wind turbines that are coming and posing a major concern for the Coast Guard when it comes to performing search and rescue. Their helicopters would have to carefully navigate a waterway during a rescue operation without getting caught up in the wind turbines in addition to Coast Guard vessels having difficulties with their radar capabilities navigating in and around these windmills.

I would also add that the construction of these turbines can take up to 15 to 20 years to build, resulting in an expected 1,800 transits up the Hudson River from the Port of New York and out to sea. This places a huge responsibility on the shoulders of the Coast Guard to ensure the safety of all those types of boaters and vessels.

Madam Speaker, I highlight these concerns because they operate under a limited budget. They deserve proper pay, rest, housing, medical, as well as mental health, and above all, our sincere gratitude.

These dedicated men and women are truly the unsung heroes of our military force who protect our coasts, protect our economic and security interests abroad, saving thousands of lives a year at sea, and providing emergency response to both manmade and natural disasters.

The Coast Guard ethos are:

In Service to our Nation

With honor, respect, and devotion to duty

We protect,
We defend,
We save,
We are semper paratus.
We are the United States Coast Guard.

I thank the U.S. Coast Guard for their dedication to protecting other coastal borders and keeping those at sea safe from harm.

SAFE DRINKING WATER

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, most of us would take this for granted and never think twice about the water we drink. We assume it is safe and that the contaminants have been filtered out. I am here to address the water contamination concern that is affecting communities within New York's Third Congressional District.

The Village of Farmingdale is an incorporated village on Long Island in Nassau County. The Village is serviced by two different water utilities: the Village of Farmingdale Water Department that serves approximately 9,500 residents, and the South Farmingdale Water District, which serves approximately 45,000 residents. One of the water plants is already impacted by contaminants and the second is in danger of approaching contamination within 11 months.

PFAS substances, which are commonly known as PFAS are chemicals used for their waterproofing and stain resistance. They typically can be found in a variety of products, such as fabric conditioners, firefighting foam, and older styles of Teflon. They are also known as "forever chemicals" that never break down in water and soil, and accumulate and persist in the human body. Health effects from PFAS can vary. According to the CDC, PFAS may lead to high cholesterol, increased risk of kidney cancer, liver problems, and decreases in birth weight.

Currently, the Village of Farmingdale is trying to address these emerging contaminants, including 1,4-dioxane and PFAS that are emanating from plumes in the aquifer from various hazardous waste sites outside of the boundaries of the Village. The Village is in the process of constructing an advanced oxidation plant, AOP, and granulated activated carbon filters to remove PFAS and 1,4-dioxane compounds at this location.

The reality is, in 11 months 9,500 people in the Village of Farmingdale are at risk of having no access to clean water if we do nothing about it.

Unfortunately, these contaminants have already impacted one of the water supply wells located at Eastern Parkway where the Village operates a 1.73-million-gallon per day well, also known as well 1-3. As a result, well 1-3 has been offline since July of 2021, and the Village of Farmingdale has declared an emergency.

In December of 2019, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation directed the installation of sentinel wells near the Village of Farmingdale's boundaries, which is a

short distance of approximately 1,500 feet of both water plants to monitor the toxic plume and the impact.

A sentinel well is a groundwater monitoring well located between a known area of groundwater contamination and a drinking water supply well. This pending contamination necessitates that the Village of Farmingdale implement costly filtration systems not just for well 1 but also for the two remaining operational wells, 2 and 3.

Farmingdale's most recent sample indicates a significant increase in contamination concentrations of the two remaining operational wells. Concentrations in these sentinel wells exceed the current standards. Concentrations of 1,4-dioxane have risen from 1.7 ppb, parts per billion, in June of 2021 to 3.4 parts per billion in March of 2022.

In 2017, a nonprofit known as the Environmental Working Group collaborated with scientists, aggregated, and analyzed data from 50,000 local water utilities in all 50 States. For the Village of Farmingdale, the group discovered six contaminants across the supply between 2012 and 2017. The following contaminants include chromium, nitrate, nitrate and nitrite, radium, arsenic, and radium.

For the Village residents and businesses to have a safe supply of potable water, the Village is preparing contingency plans which will also have a significant financial impact on the small Village. This is just one small community facing contaminated water and, unfortunately, they are not alone.

While I am pleased that New York became the first State in the Nation to adopt drinking water standards, at the Federal level we should be doing more to invest in our water infrastructure improvement projects.

Clean water should never be a luxury to any community. In fact, clean water should always be a right to every American citizen.

DEFENDING THE TAXPAYERS OF NASSAU COUNTY

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, today, I have to defend the taxpayers living in Nassau County. As Long Island becomes less affordable and inflation disrupts our everyday lives, Long Islanders are struggling to pay taxes.

Our homeowners in Nassau County are now being required to pay an additional 2.06 percent in school taxes for 2023 through 2024. Nassau County ranks among eight counties nationwide with the highest median property tax, which consists of 60 percent in school tax. One of the more affluent school districts in New York's Third District, Jericho, is proposing a 2.77 percent tax increase.

The district will pay an additional \$2.6 million in health insurance, along with \$700,000 more for public school bus transportation. This is why the taxpayers of Long Island would greatly benefit from my bill, H.R. 1360, the SALT Relief Act.

All taxpayers need a buffer, especially during times of economic hardship. My bill is designed to keep money

in taxpayers' wallets while keeping residents on Long Island.

I am calling on my colleagues to co-sponsor my bill and consider what is at stake for all American families.

CONGRATULATING STUDENTS EMILY KIM AND KEVIN ZHU

Mr. SANTOS. I would like to take the time to congratulate Emily Kim and Kevin Zhu of Jericho High School on becoming finalists in the 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search.

Both Emily and Kevin had the experience of presenting their research for a week in the Nation's Capital and were awarded \$25,000 based on their research skills and promise as scientists.

Emily and Kevin were chosen to compete out of 1,949 students from 628 high schools across 48 States, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and four other countries.

Emily's project studied activated carbon and its potential to treat the wastewater produced by the fast-fashion and textile industries.

Kevin Zhu's project studied change in DNA associated with neurological disease and how the changes can serve as a measurable indicator for future cancer blood tests.

These extraordinary students, although very young, have set the bar for the many likely to follow in their footsteps. Now, more than ever, scientific research and STEM skills are vital to solving some of the world's most complex problems.

Bright minds such as Kevin's and Emily's are on the cutting edge of breakthrough discoveries.

Congratulations to you both, and may you have great success in the future and in your career.

CONGRATULATING THE MANHASSET INDIANS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Manhasset Indians girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance this month. On March 11th, they played an impressive game and, what many may argue, was their most competitive game all season.

With just 70 seconds left and what appeared to be their certain defeat, the girls gave it their all and scored six straight points, including an astonishing free throw from senior grad Caitlin Barrett.

Their junior forward Lauren Perfetto scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in what some have called the best game of her career. The girls tied the game at 45 and went into overtime, then wrapped the game with a three-point lead.

With demonstrated composure, resilience, and teamwork, the Manhasset Indians set the bar in athleticism. I know that you work so hard and thank you for making this historic mark in Manhasset's history. Keep your chin up, ladies.

Congratulations to the Manhasset Indians Girls' basketball team.

HONORED TO SERVE

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to serve in the House of Rep-

resentatives and it is an honor to represent the constituents of the Third Congressional District of New York and to come here every day and fight for the interests of our constituents.

I thank the Speaker and the staff for all your work and for all the dedication to the American people.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SANTOS. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-591. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Wood Preserving Area Sources Technology Review; Technical Correction for Surface Coating of Wood Building Products [EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0133; FRL-8473-03-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV27) received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-592. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Dakota; Revisions to Permitting Rules; and Correction [EPA-R08-OAR-2021-0005; FRL-8683-02-R8] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-593. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; MO; Restriction of Visible Air Contaminant Emissions [EPA-R07-OAR-2022-0746; FRL-10184-02-R7] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-594. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Disapprovals; Interstate Transport of Air Pollution for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0663; EPA-R02-OAR-2021-0673; EPA-R03-OAR-2021-0872; EPA-R03-OAR-2021-0873; EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0841; EPA-R05-OAR-2022-0006; EPA-R06-OAR-2021-0801; EPA-R07-OAR-2021-0851; EPA-R08-OAR-2022-0315; EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0394; EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0138; FRL-10209-02-OAR] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-595. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Motor Vehicle Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Program; Diesel Opacity

Cutpoints [EPA-R02-OAR-2022-0785; FRL-10210-02-R2] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-596. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District [EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0837; FRL-10294-02-09] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-597. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; Coachella Valley Ozone Non-attainment Area; Reclassification to Extreme [EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0953; FRL-10502-02-R9] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-598. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Macon Area Limited Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0203; FRL-10510-02-R4] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-599. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Tennessee; Eastman Chemical Company Nitrogen Oxides SIP Call Alternative Monitoring [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0158; FRL-10541-02-R4] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-600. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule and correction — Diglycerol in Pesticide Formulations; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0737; FRL-10688-01-OCSPP] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-601. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Mandestrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0101; FRL-10739-01-OCSPP] received March 6, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mrs. HOUCHIN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 241. A Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the Nation's public schools (Rept. 118-12). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. McCAUL:

H.R. 1690. A bill to authorize Secretary of State to negotiate regional immigration agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 1691. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure prompt coverage of breakthrough devices under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD (for herself, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHSTER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. MANNING, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 1692. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve affordability and reduce premium costs of health insurance for consumers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. AGUILAR:

H.R. 1693. A bill to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. SESSIONS):

H.R. 1694. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of services furnished by free-standing emergency centers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MACE, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PORTER, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 1695. A bill to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. HARDER of California):

H.R. 1696. A bill to repeal certain exemptions from antitrust laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary,

and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 1697. A bill to enhance the participation of precision agriculture in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. TLAI, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ROSS, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. OMAR):

H.R. 1698. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 1699. A bill to establish the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FULCHER (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. TIFFANY):

H.R. 1700. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to establish an administrative relief process for individuals whose applications for transfer and registration of a firearm were denied, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GALLEGO (for himself, Mr. STANTON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SOTO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H.R. 1701. A bill to prohibit discrimination in higher education against certain noncitizen students on the basis of immigration status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (for herself, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 1702. A bill to amend PROMESA to include certain ethics provisions to provide for the disqualification of certain advisors to the Financial Oversight and Management Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. BABIN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 1703. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to prohibit the use of certain identification documents at airport security checkpoints, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. McCAUL):

H.R. 1704. A bill to decrease dependency on People's Republic of China manufacturing and decrease migration due to lost regional economic opportunities; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY,

Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. MENG, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BUSH, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. NADLER, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. STANSBURY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. PORTER, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. CASAR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MFUME, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 1705. A bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile environmental justice and civil rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 1706. A bill to authorize the Department of Labor's voluntary protection program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. LEE of Florida, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 1707. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for an exception from infringement for certain component parts of motor vehicles; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. MENG, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CHU, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BUSH, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 1708. A bill to address root causes of homelessness, meet the needs of community members experiencing harms from homelessness, transition communities towards providing housing for all, end penalization of homelessness, and ensure full democratic participation and inclusion of persons experiencing homelessness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. COLE, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BACON, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. MACE, Mrs. BICE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MANN, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 1709. A bill to allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their Tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. STEVENS, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CARSON, and Mrs. PELTOLA):

H.R. 1710. A bill to establish the Office of Manufacturing and Industrial Innovation

Policy and strategic national manufacturing policy for the United States, to provide manufacturing and industrial perspective and advice to the President, to provide for a comprehensive survey and cross administration management of efforts to ensure global leadership in manufacturing critical to the long-term economic health and national security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Mrs. HARSHBARGER):

H.R. 1711. A bill to establish a demonstration program to provide payments on eligible loans for individuals who are eligible for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 1712. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a rural health center innovation awards program and a rural health department enhancement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LUCAS (for himself and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 1713. A bill to provide for Department of Energy and Department of Agriculture joint research and development activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 1714. A bill to provide authorities to prohibit the provision of services by social media platforms to individuals and entities on the Specially Designated Nationals List and certain officials and other individuals and entities of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio (for himself and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 1715. A bill to direct the Department of Energy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct collaborative research in order to advance numerical weather and climate prediction in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. MOLINARO (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BACON, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CARL, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 1716. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require certain air carriers to provide reports with respect to maintenance, preventive maintenance, or alterations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 1717. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency

task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 1718. A bill to make certain improvements to the enterprise-wide procurement of cyber data products and services by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 1719. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. ISSA, and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 1720. A bill to modify permitting requirements with respect to the discharge of any pollutant from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. PINGREE (for herself, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. GALLAGHER):

H.R. 1721. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a grant program to assist with the purchase, installation, and maintenance of point-of-entry and point-of-use drinking water quality improvement products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. SALINAS (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER):

H.R. 1722. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. ROSS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. CHU, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. COSTA, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VBASEY, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. TONKO, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. PORTER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. BERA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms.

DELBENE, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. BUSH, Mr. STANTON, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. NADLER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. SOTO, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CROW, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BROWN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. CARSON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. IVEY, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. KEATING, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CASE, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. WILD, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BEYER, Ms. OMAR, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MANNING, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 1723. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the use of funds for comprehensive reproductive health care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. POSEY, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MAST, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CLINE, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 1724. A bill to counter the spread of the LOGINK logistics information platform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. COLE, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NORMAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 1725. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit 501(c)(3) organizations from providing direct funding to official election organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TOKUDA (for herself and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 1726. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to partner and collaborate with the Secretary of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii to address Rapid Ohia Death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. BEYER):

H.R. 1727. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 1728. A bill to establish the Agent Orange Veterans Service Medal; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. OMAR, Ms.

MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. RUPERSBERGER, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BUSH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BROWN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. HIMES, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. MENG, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 1729. A bill to establish a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 1730. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include requirements relating to graduates of career and technical education programs or programs of study for small business development centers and women's business centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. WILSON of Florida (for herself, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. SABLON, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 1731. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to double the Pell Grant award amount, improve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, and reduce interest rates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. GAETZ):

H.R. 1732. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income the basic needs allowance of members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois):

H. Res. 242. A resolution recognizing the significant human rights activism and baseball stardom legacy of Roberto Clemente; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. KILDEE (for himself, Mr. JAMES, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mrs. DIN-

GELL, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H. Res. 243. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President and the Secretary of State should ensure that the Government of Canada does not permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. LAMBORN):

H. Res. 244. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that mandates imposed on manufacturers requiring inclusion of unproven and unreliable technology in firearms is costly and punitive, and the prohibition of firearms without such features is an infringement on the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WEXTON:

H. Res. 245. A resolution recognizing and congratulating the city of Manassas, Virginia, on the 150th anniversary of its founding; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. McCaul:

H.R. 1690.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize the Secretary of State to negotiate regional immigration agreements with countries in the Western Hemisphere

By Mr. WENSTRUP:

H.R. 1691.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health

By Ms. UNDERWOOD:

H.R. 1692.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health care

By Mr. AGUILAR:

H.R. 1693.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Executive Branch to report to Congress on acts of terrorism.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 1694.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide permanent medicare reimbursement for Freestanding Emergency Centers

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 1695.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to “regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

Oversight of federal purchasing of software

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 1696.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Antitrust

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina:

H.R. 1697.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish standards for precision agriculture.

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 1698.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I, SEC. 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS

CLAUSE 18

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by this Constitution in

The single subject of this legislation is:

For the immigration benefit of mixed-status families.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 1699.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish the Office of Gun Violence Prevention

By Mr. FULCHER:

H.R. 1700.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, providing Congress to “make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution” the power enumerated in Article 1 and “all other Powers vested by [the] Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Office thereof.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

Provides for relief process of denied applications for transfer or registration of a firearm that are denied or delayed.

By Mr. GALLEGOS:

H.R. 1701.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: “[The Congress shall have the power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

Immigration

By Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN:

H.R. 1702.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress has the authority to enact this legislation pursuant to Article IV Section 3 Clause 2 of the United States Constitution which provides:

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regula-

tions respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States(. . .)

The single subject of this legislation is:

Regulation of contracting of the Puerto Rico Financial Oversight and Management Board.

By Mr. GOODEN of Texas:

H.R. 1703.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. Thus, Congress has the authority not only to increase taxes, but also, to reduce taxes to promote the general welfare of the United States of America and her citizens. Additionally, Congress has the Constitutional authority to regulate commerce among the States and with Indian Tribes, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would prohibit TSA from allowing an illegal immigrant’s arrest warrant to serve as identification in airports by requiring a non-citizen who does not have identification to submit biometric information and go through enhanced security screening. The bill would also require TSA to go through the official rulemaking process to allow additional forms of identification for non-citizens

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 1704.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To nearshore certain manufacturing in the Western Hemisphere to reduce dependency on the People’s Republic of China and to decrease illegal immigration.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1705.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, sec. 3

Article I, sec. 8

Equal Protection Clause, 14th Amendment

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish several environmental justice requirements, advisory bodies, and programs to address the disproportionate adverse human health or environmental effects of federal laws or programs on communities of color, low-income communities, or tribal and indigenous communities.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER:

H.R. 1706.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Compliance assistance at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 1707.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would reduce, from 14 years to 30 months, the period of time during which car companies can enforce design patents on the cosmetic, exterior parts, which most typically get damaged in an accident, against alternative suppliers.

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.R. 1708.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the

United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 1709.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their Tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer.

By Ms. KAPTUR:

H.R. 1710.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, To make Rules for the Government

Article I, Section VIII, To regulate Commerce

Article I, Section VIII, To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper

The single subject of this legislation is:

Commerce

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 1711.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration program to help incentivize more health professionals to serve in rural communities.

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 1712.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill strengthens access to care in rural areas by incentivizing communities to leverage their existing resources to provide for the community’s urgent care needs.

By Mr. LUCAS:

H.R. 1713.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18:

“The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.”

The single subject of this legislation is:

The DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act is a bill that addresses the single subject of authorizing interagency research and development activities between the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 1714.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prohibits CCP/PRC government officials from using American social media companies unless PRC reciprocates and removes restrictions on U.S. government officials/citizens on Chinese social media

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H.R. 1715.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18:

"The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Advanced Weather Model Computing Development Act is a bill that addresses the single subject of directing the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct collaborative research in order to advance numerical weather and climate prediction in the United States.

By Mr. MOLINARO:

H.R. 1716.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3, and Clause 18 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Transportation

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 1717.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Establish an interagency task force between the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information with respect to patents.

By Mr. OBERNOLTE:

H.R. 1718.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

national defense related cybersecurity

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 1719.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Federal public safety officer benefits.

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 1720.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Water

By Ms. PINGREE:

H.R. 1721.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

The single subject of this legislation is:

Water Quality

By Ms. SALINAS:

H.R. 1722.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tribal Issues

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1723.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Abortion

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 1724.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

National Security

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1725.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Amends 501(c)(3)s to limit their donations to boards of elections

By Ms. TOKUDA:

H.R. 1726.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to partner with the Secretary of Agriculture and State of Hawai'i to address Rapid Ohia Death.

By Mr. TRONE:

H.R. 1727.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To authorize the C&O Canal Historic Park Advisory Commission through September 2034.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 1728.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill directs the Secretary of Defense to design and produce a service medal for veterans who receive compensation for side effects from agent orange exposure.

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:

H.R. 1729.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 1730.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Directs Small Business Development Centers and Women Business Centers to assist small businesses in hiring graduates of career and technical education programs.

By Ms. WILSON of Florida:

H.R. 1731.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Higher Education; College Affordability

By Mr. WOMACK:

H.R. 1732.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common

defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would make a technical correction to the tax code to help the military and their families by adding BNAs to the list of qualified tax-exempt military benefits.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 38: Mr. SANTOS.
H.R. 223: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.
H.R. 253: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 292: Mr. RUIZ.
H.R. 354: Mr. YAKYM.
H.R. 506: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 547: Ms. DELBENE and Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 564: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.
H.R. 589: Mr. MILLS.
H.R. 625: Mrs. FOUSHEE.
H.R. 645: Ms. CROCKETT and Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 666: Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 676: Mr. LIEU.
H.R. 700: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. GALLAGHER.
H.R. 713: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.
H.R. 736: Mr. TIMMONS.
H.R. 779: Ms. HAGEMAN.
H.R. 782: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. CARAVEO, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.
H.R. 807: Mr. FLOOD.
H.R. 837: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Ms. PRESSLEY.
H.R. 901: Mr. LIEU.
H.R. 905: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H.R. 1028: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 1062: Ms. MACE, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 1093: Ms. PORTER, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. MCCORMICK.
H.R. 1122: Mr. VAN DREW and Mrs. LUNA.
H.R. 1143: Mr. TIMMONS.
H.R. 1150: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 1184: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 1191: Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. SALAZAR, and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 1200: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. GUEST, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, and Mrs. LUNA.
H.R. 1202: Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BACON, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. ROSS, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. HARRIS.
H.R. 1214: Mr. MANN.
H.R. 1235: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 1293: Mr. NADLER and Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 1294: Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. TITUS, and Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 1343: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.
H.R. 1354: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.
H.R. 1379: Mr. NICKEL.
H.R. 1385: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1406: Mr. LESKO and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
H.R. 1413: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 1423: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.
H.R. 1462: Mr. ROSENDALE.
H.R. 1478: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MULLIN, and Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 1480: Mr. FLOOD, Mrs. MCCLAIN, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.
H.R. 1484: Mr. MANN.
H.R. 1524: Ms. HAGEMAN and Mr. MCCORMICK.
H.R. 1532: Mr. SABLÁN and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.
H.R. 1557: Mr. CRENSHAW.
H.R. 1567: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H.R. 1602: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 1608: Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. ESTES.

H.R. 1624: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 1627: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 1640: Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

H.R. 1650: Mr. CRENSHAW and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1655: Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1672: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 1680: Mr. SWALWELL.

H.R. 1684: Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 1685: Mr. CLEAVER.

H.J. Res. 18: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. LAWLER.

H. Con. Res. 22: Mrs. PELTOLA.

H. Res. 81: Ms. NORTON, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. TITUS, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ.

H. Res. 108: Mr. NEAL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. HORSFORD.

H. Res. 154: Mr. GALLEG0 and Ms. DELBENE.

H. Res. 213: Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. BACON, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. RASKIN.

H. Res. 219: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H. Res. 225: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H. Res. 236: Mr. MASSIE, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mrs. BOEBERT.

H. Res. 239: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.